

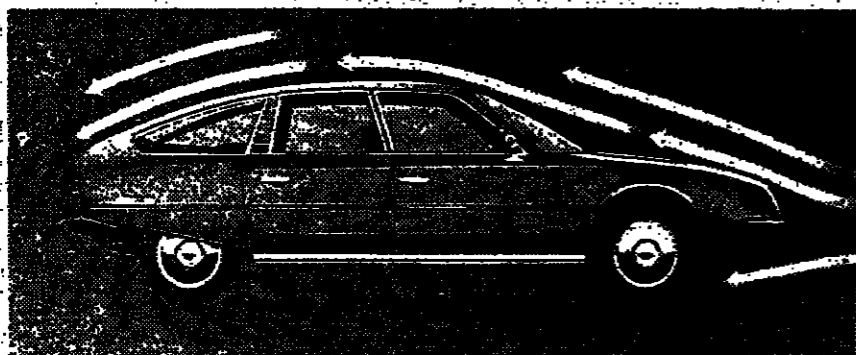
ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SILENT MINORITY.

First impressions of the Citroën CX can be quite misleading. If ever a car was designed to delight the eye then surely this is it.

In truth, the elegant lines of the CX owe far more to the dictates of practical requirements than to any aesthetic considerations. Its aerodynamic styling makes it an exceptionally quiet car to drive at any speed.

It reduces wind noise by allowing the wind to sweep over, under and around the car. For extra good measure, there's a high level of sound insulation in the CX which reduces road noise.

Benefits of aerodynamic styling don't end there either. The shape of the CX offers minimal wind resistance, which is an aid to effortless acceleration. Its wind cheating design also accounts for greater fuel economy with the CX Pallas (5 speed, manual gearbox) returning a pleasantly astonishing 39.8mpg at a constant 56 mph (7.1 l/100 km at 90 km/h)*.



Airflow across Citroën CX.

A unique feature of the CX which contributes further to quietness is that the car body is attached by means of rubber mountings to the underframe. (This carries the wheel suspension, steering, braking system, engine and gearbox assembly.) The rubber mountings have the effect of soundproofing the passenger compartment by filtering engine and mechanical noise. Vibration and noise due to road shocks are also filtered.

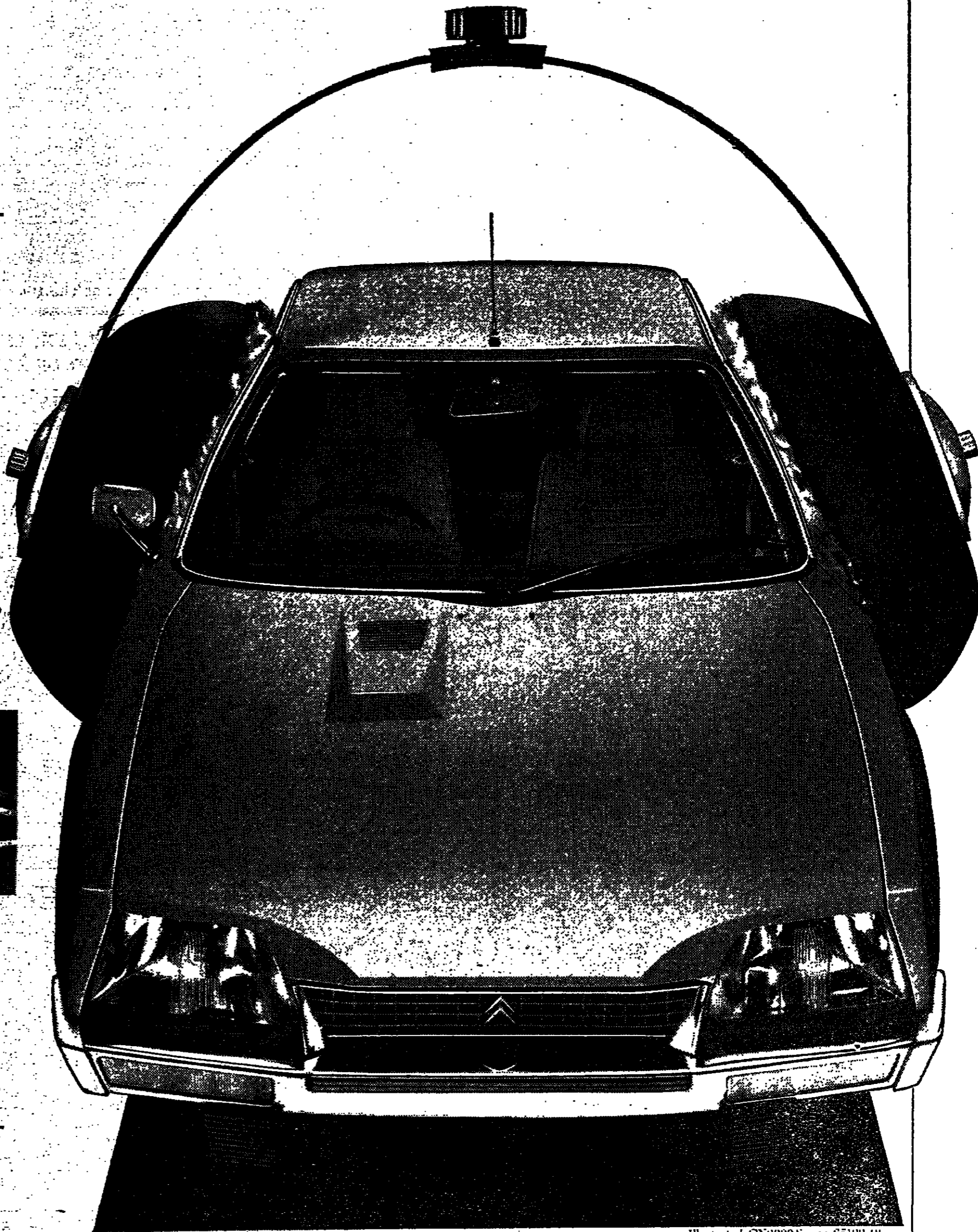
Steering is Citroën's unique VariPower system. No other car has a steering which can match it. When parking it's finger light, and power-returns to a straight line position immediately the steering wheel is released.

On the open road, VariPower steering grows progressively firmer with increasing speed. Deviation from a straight line is negligible in the CX, even on a motorway in strong cross winds. It also prevents wheels being deflected by road surface irregularities so that the driver is always in complete control.

UNSURPASSED FOR COMFORT.

However long a journey, driver and passengers remain comfortable in the CX and arrive relaxed and uncramped. The seats give excellent back and leg support, hugging as if moulded to the very shape of your body.

Suspension plays a major part in comfort on long trips. Citroën's celebrated



Illustrated: CX 2000 Super £5199.48.

hydropneumatic system is unsurpassed for comfort and safety in any car at any price.

A ride in the CX is remarkably smooth with all bumps and road shocks being absorbed. More impressive though, in the case of a tyre blowout at, say, 70 mph, the combination of Citroën's hydropneumatic suspension and CX steering geometry maintains directional stability and keeps the car safely under control, even when braking.

Joining the silent minority could be a lot less expensive than you might think. £4966.65 would buy you a CX 2000. The range extends up to the luxurious, longer wheelbase CX Prestige Injection C-matic at £9254.70 with a choice of engines (carburettor, fuel injection and diesel) and manual or C-matic transmission.

All CX models have recommended service intervals of 10,000 miles and have

a 1 year guarantee. The suspension is guaranteed for 2 years (max: 65,000 miles).

A selection of the 16 models in the CX range			
MODEL	BHP	TOP SPEED	PRICE
CX 2000	102	109mph	£4966.65
CX 2000 Super	102	109mph	£5199.48
CX 2400 Super (5 speed)	115	112mph	£5813.73
CX 2500 Diesel Super (5 speed)	75	97mph	£6040.71
CX 2400 Pallas (5 speed)	115	112mph	£6398.73
CX 2400 Pallas (C-matic)	115	111mph	£6582.42
CX 2400 Pallas Injection (C-matic)	128	112mph	£6997.77
CX 2400 GTI Injection (5 speed)	128	118mph	£6979.05
CX 2400 Safari Estate	115	109mph	£5971.68
CX 2500 Diesel Safari Estate	75	90mph	£6315.66
CX 2400 Familiare	115	109mph	£6081.66
CX Prestige Injection (C-matic)	128	112mph	£9254.70

Prices include car tax, VAT and inertia reel seat belts but exclude number plates. Delivery charge £68.04 (inc. VAT). Prices are correct at time of going to press.

Please enquire about our Personal Export, H.M. Forces and Diplomatic schemes and Preferential Finance scheme. Check the Yellow Pages for your nearest dealer. Citroën Cars Ltd., Mill Street, Slough SL2 5DE. Tel: Slough 23808.

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* Simulated urban driving 18.6 mpg (15.2 l/100 km), constant speed driving 75 mph (120 km) 30.1 mpg (9.4 l/100 km).

HOME NEWS

Patients fail 'to take prescribed doses'

By John Raper Health Services Correspondent
Between a quarter and nine tenths of patients fail to comply in some way with their doctors' prescriptions when taking their medicine, the Royal College of Physicians was told yesterday.

Compliance is defined in the medical sense as the extent to which patients' behaviour coincides with the clinical prescription, but to most doctors it means the proportion of a prescribed medicine that a patient takes.

At a session on variability in response to drugs, Dr John C. Mucklow, lecturer in clinical pharmacology at Newcastle upon Tyne University, said it was difficult to measure compliance accurately.

Interview assessment might prove unreliable. One study had shown that, in the treatment of streptococcal sore throat in children, 83 per cent of the mothers said their children had received a 10-day course of penicillin after three days showed that only 46 per cent were still taking the medicine, after six days 31 per cent, and by the ninth day, 8 per cent.

Callaghan minute on Cabinet secrecy

By a Staff Reporter
A personal minute from the Prime Minister indicating the reasons for refusing to disclose any details about Cabinet committees is published in full in the New Statesman today.

The authenticity of the minute, which was sent to ministers in charge of departments in February was confirmed by 10 Downing Street yesterday.

In it, Mr James Callaghan says that he has always refused to publish details of Cabinet committees or answer questions in Parliament about them in accordance with the practice of all former Prime Ministers.

The minute continues: Publishing details of Cabinet committees would be both misleading and counter-productive.

Disabling people receiving the £10 a week mobility allowance are to be allowed to keep it until they reach the age of 75, instead of losing it on reaching retirement age, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced in a parliamentary written reply last night.

£140,000 jewel theft
West Midlands police were searching last night for two men who made off with an armful of diamonds from the boot of a locked car in Hockley, Birmingham.

Pensioners' oil bonus
Orkney Islands Council is to give a £10 Christmas bonus out of North Sea oil revenues to old age pensioners and widows.

Mrs Guinness better
The condition of Mrs Pauline Guinness had slightly improved yesterday in Basingstoke Hospital, where she was taken after collapsing at the weekend.

tion would almost inevitably lead to pressures for both more and larger committees, and for disclosure of information about their activities.

Mr Callaghan states that in any event the existence of GEN groups (ad hoc committees set up for general subjects) could not be disclosed because of their ephemeral nature and because disclosure would reveal that very sensitive subjects were under consideration.

Disclosure of the main standing committees would therefore give only a partial picture, he argues. He also says that it would make it impossible for him to hold the line and resist further questions about the composition and activities of the committees.

At the minimum we would be under pressure to reveal the names of the chairmen. This would make it harder for me to make changes and it would have implications for the responsibilities of departmental ministers.

mobility allowance beyond retirement age on the ground that aged and disabled people have in many cases more need for mobility than younger people.

Separation of BBC radio channels postponed
The BBC has postponed indefinitely the separation of Radios 1 and 2, planned to begin tomorrow, because of a dispute with the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs.

shortage of technical staff which the BBC is experiencing. Mr Douglas Muggidge, deputy managing director, said it was a matter of great regret to BBC radio that the final separation of the two channels should have to be postponed.



Thomas Howard, third Duke of Norfolk, being appraised by a visitor to the exhibition, "Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII", which opens at The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, today.

Nov 30 visit to Oxford by Mr Nixon

By a Staff Reporter
Mr Richard Nixon, the former American President, is to give a lecture at the Oxford Union, on November 30.

Mr Daniel Moylan, president of the union, said yesterday that he understood that the lecture would be Mr Nixon's only public engagement in Britain.

Mr Nixon is flying to Paris to be interviewed in a French television programme on November 28. Mr Moylan said he would come to Britain on November 29 and return to the United States two days later.

It will be Mr Nixon's first visit to Europe since he resigned as President. Earlier this year, he cancelled a planned world tour because he had to complete a book on the future of the United States.

Request to adjust sets as BBC goes into action to inform listeners on how and when to retune

By Kenneth Gosling.
A letter praising the BBC's radio networks, written to a newspaper after this month's wavelength changes were announced, is displayed on a wall in the temporary "operations room" in offices opposite Broadcasting House.

It is a source of encouragement to the staff of 20 who are coping with the public's need for information on the changes. A total of 30,000 items of mail have been received, stickers and posters have been sent out and about 2,000 Scout groups have been organized to advise old people on retuning their sets.

All that effort would not, however, be appreciated by a disgruntled man from Bromley, Kent, who recently bought a transistor radio, only to find that after November 23 he would not be able to get Radio 4 on it, the set having no long-wave facility.

Most of the BBC inquiries have been from Radio 3 and Radio 4 listeners, the 1 and 2 channels having had fewer changes, although the Radio 2 King's Singers made to go out in programme intervals to publicize the changes.

The BBC realized that pensioners were likely to have most difficulty, so it set to work with the Scout movement. Each Scout group has devised its own method of getting the message across.

Council plans recruiting to cut class size

Sunderland Borough Council is expected to recruit an extra 100 teachers to start work next January, which will mean that no primary school in the area will have a class of more than 30.

Mr Alan Harrison, a teachers' representative on Sunderland Education Committee, said: "There are many areas where there has been reduction in public expenditure but here we have exactly the opposite situation."

Nursery schools 'failing to help working parents'

From Our Social Services Correspondent Bristol
Miss Margaret Jackson, Under-Secretary of State for Education, yesterday agreed that the education service is failing to meet the needs of working parents by running part-time nursery schools.

There is a social problem that we are not meeting," she said. "Nursery schools are not open the hours that parents work, particularly where both parents are working."

Study of rural school closures planned

From Arthur Osman Birmingham
The social and community roles of rural primary schools and the impact of closures will be studied at Aston University, Birmingham, with a grant of £40,000 from the Departments of the Environment and Education and Science. It was announced yesterday.

The study will take two years. It was thought that a study would provide general guidelines for central and local government on the possible consequences of alternative reorganization plans.

Meaningful weekend for serious socialists

By Ian Bradley
Two of the most important events in the socialist calendar take place this weekend: The Socialist Book Fair, which opens in Camden Town Hall this morning and continues until tomorrow evening, has been organized by a group of left-wing publishers in an effort to promote their wares to libraries, bookshops and the public.

Mrs Evelyn Barker, organizer of the fair, says: "The object is to improve the image of socialist publishing, which in the past has been worthy but dull, influenced by all those dreary books from Russia."

Nearly a hundred publishers will be exhibiting, including several from abroad. Not all will be left-wing firms. Mrs Barker says: "Some of the greatest socialist classics are published by capitalist publishers. For example, The Ragged Dicks Philanthropists is published by Granada, which is not exactly a socialist firm."

The first Socialist Book Fair, which was held last year, attracted a thousand people. This year Mrs Barker hopes three thousand will visit the two-day fair.

Meanwhile, Oxford tonight sees the start of the History Workshop at Ruskin College, one of the leading gatherings of left-wing historians in Britain.

This year's workshop, which lasts until Sunday, is the first to concentrate on the history of the past 30 years. Mr Raphael Samuel, the organizer, says: "We are hoping to question the Chinese wall which has been erected between the past and the present in history. We are deliberately exploring the possibility of seeing the past and the present as one."

Most of the papers to be given at the workshop will be in the form of personal reminiscences by those involved in the seminal left-wing movements in the past three decades. Roger Tyrrel, a former sailor who is now a student at Ruskin, will be talking about the 1966 seamen's strike. There will be similar first-hand reports from participants in the 1969 Yorkshire miners' strike, the Grunwick dispute and the firemen's strike of last year.

Compromised by synod on bishop powers

A move to curb the making powers of the ended in compromise General Synod of the C of England in London yesterday.

The argument began house of bishops' decision the name of J Butler, the Victoria palmer against the wh trade and treatment o tutes, to the church's minor festivals.

Earlier this year members said that was the spirit of the standing because the proposal I rejected by a majority whole synod.

A report from the orders committee, before day's meeting, pointed recent occasions wh bishops had been criti similar decisions taken the backing of the syn were over amendmen prayer and to baptism.

The committee s that the bishops should, to look again at the governing the use o power.

It must be stressed the house of bishops f unable to keep within t lines suggested, the er believe that it will be to propose to the syn procedural restraint u amends." "The report said in action would be taken were indications out guidelines.

But synod membe whelmingly chose in: accept an amendment: Rev Brian Brindley, Tisbury, reading, who s that there would be p the synod to defer to of an amendment by it of bishops to allow the to reconsider.

Remand for woman secret

Alvada Kookon, aged American secret, was i in custody until next Th at 100, Newbury Road, Ma Court, London, yesterday of the murder of Miss Phyllis, aged 45. Miss Ph found dying in a South on "Miss Kookon, a semio tary at the United Sta Department in Lond Street, St Marylebone, did not apply for bail.

Heads object to NUT majority on bod

By Our Education Correspondent
The National Association of Head Teachers is objecting to the "stranglehold" of the National Union of Teachers on the Burnham Committee for primary and secondary schools, and to the continued presence on it of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (Nafhe).

The association says in a letter to Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, that any proposal that does not meet with NUT approval cannot succeed, and that was undemocratic. It adds that Nafhe has no entitlement to a place on the committee.

Mrs Williams asked for unions' comments on her plans for reconstituting the teachers' panel of the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body for teachers' pay.

Under her proposals the NUT, which represents about half the primary and secondary teachers, would continue to have with 16 seats on member committee National Association of Teachers/Union of Teachers, which represents the union, would have its creased from three to Assistant Masters' tresses Association w four seats, as bef, National Association Teachers' Union gain a ing it two; a central agency Heads Association ar would each lose one two seats.

The head teachers places on the rec teachers' panel too a say that they would a if there were 15 seat NUT, 15 for the other independent chairm. Nafhe has said the tained presence was i because negotiations such as allowances for with special qualifi London weighting wv to primary, second further education tea

Lake District conference

A conference on an strategy for childr the Lake District is t at the Lake Distric Park Centre at Brock Windermere, on Wed

Employers Tomorrow, you could be asked about the Job Release Scheme.



The Job Release Scheme has been extended until 31 March 1979 and now applies throughout Great Britain.

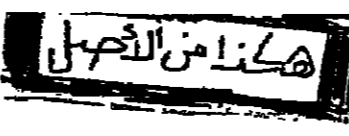
This Scheme offers men aged 64 and women aged 59 on or before 31 March 1979, the chance to stop work up to a year before reaching statutory pensionable age. They'll get £26.50 a week tax-free, and married people with a dependent wife or husband whose income is £8.50 or less a week will be eligible for £35.

The point is, they can't take advantage of the Scheme without your agreement. And if you do agree to allow them to participate, then you must recruit people from the unemployed register to replace them - though not necessarily for the same jobs.

As a result of this Scheme, your employees have the chance to stop work up to a year early, which may give you the chance to do a bit of promoting. Above all, you'll be able to take on new staff. Doing that means you're also giving a job to someone who's presently unemployed. Employees who wish to take part in the Job Release Scheme must apply by 31 March 1979. There'll be advertising in the national press to tell them about it.

Leaflets with full details of the Job Release Scheme are available from any Employment Office, Jobcentre or Unemployment Benefit Office, or ring Eileen Tingey on 01-214 6403 or 01-214 6684 for more information.

Job Release Scheme



HOME NEWS

Channel tunnel, then bridge, European Commissioner suggests

Mr. Jacques Delors, European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, has suggested that the Channel tunnel should be replaced by a bridge across the English Channel.

Mr Freud first in ballot for Bills

Mr. Clement Freud, Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely, came first in the MP's ballot yesterday for the right to introduce private members' Bills.

WEST EUROPE EEC to go ahead with case against Britain

The European Commission has decided to suspend legal proceedings started earlier this year against Ireland for failing to implement EEC law requiring commercial goods vehicles to be fitted with tachographs.



Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor (left), wearing a yarmulka, talking to Dr Nahum Goldman, founder of the World Jewish Congress, during yesterday's 'Crystal Night' memorial service in Cologne synagogue.

Basque MP resigns after terror allegation

The Basque Deputy stormed out after being accused by Senator Manuel Fraga Iribarne, leader of the conservative Popular Alliance Party, of aiding terrorism by taking part in an illegal congress of minority parties favouring the secession of the Basque country.

Five seal cost £25,000

Five seal cull off the west coast of Scotland is likely to cost £25,000, Mr Bruce Stirling, Secretary of State for Scotland, disclosed yesterday.

Scots take a gloomy view of the economy

The path to growth for the Scottish economy eluded the 170 members of the Scottish Economic Forum at its annual meeting in Glasgow yesterday.

ment would take about three quarters of all BP's North Sea oil profits by way of taxes and royalties. It would be the proposed new rates were introduced.

Germans recall 'Crystal Night'

The following day, tens of thousands of Jews were rounded up. Some were beaten and hounded through the streets, 91 were killed, and the rest thrown into concentration camps.

The session ended with a nearly unanimous resolution giving the Government a mandate to crack down hard on terrorism. The session continued today with a closed door debate on fatal shootings of demonstrators in Malaga and Tenerife earlier this year.

dropper £100

David Basuttill, aged 23, of 11 Street, Cardiff, was fined £100 by magistrates yesterday for dropping litter on the pavement.

vacuated

Court, at Boston, vacated the conviction of an old man for an infestation of rats in his home.

for trial

Unstable George Scott, of Cromwell Crescent, was sent for trial on three charges of one of deception.

Pages of £4,000 over poodle allegation

Ms Coxall, an expert on dog breeds, was awarded £4,000 damages by a High Court judge over a false allegation that she cheated at dyeing her champion poodle, Tie Popsi.

Rostow interviews

David Walker in The Times Higher Education Supplement today talks to Professor W. Rostow, author of the recently published The World Economy and national security adviser to President Johnson.

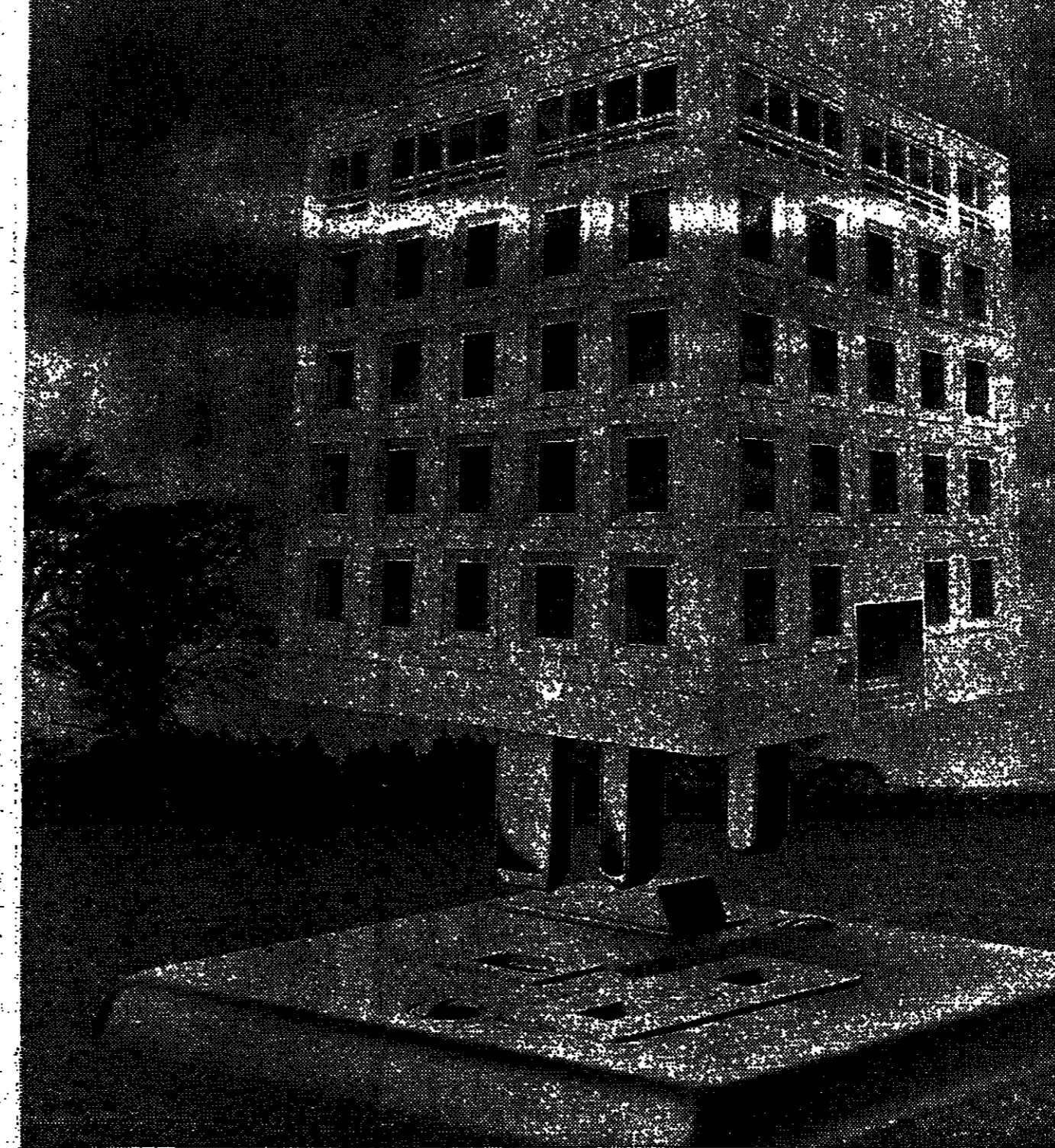
Remissions cut

Eighty-five prisoners who locked themselves in Nottingham jails to protest last week in protest at the alleged bearing of a man, are having remissions cut as punishment.

Science report Genetic manipulation: New guide lines

Guidelines have been drawn up prescribing the safety procedures that must be followed with each type of experiment on the basis of the possible risk associated with it.

That type of classification is not strictly logical, and the new principles for classification proposed by GMAC have a different basis. Arising from ideas proposed by Dr Sydney Brenner of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, they depend on a risk assessment for each experiment.



To save money, just plug in.

If you've a building at the planning stage, you'll be only too aware of its complex energy needs. It has to be lit, heated and ventilated to keep everyone inside comfortable. It needs lifts, catering equipment, constant hot water, and a host of other facilities. And it all has to be done as economically as possible.

Techniques like recovering heat that would otherwise be wasted, and redistributing it through the building. All at the minimum expense of energy. We can also tell you about BEEP, a unique computer program that can project energy requirements while your building is still at concept stage.

Using our energy can save yours. PLANELECTRIC The Electricity Council, England and Wales

WEST EUROPE

M Barre expects flow of investors' money to boost French economy next year

From Ian Murray Paris, Nov 9

For the first time since taking over as Prime Minister more than two years ago, M Raymond Barre spoke optimistically about the progress of his plan for the economic recovery of France. In a broadcast today he prophesied that by the middle of next year "the purification phase" would be over and private investment money would start to flow again into industry.

Five killed in Spanish bingo hall fire

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Nov 9

A fire in a basement bingo hall in the northern Spanish town of Calahorra killed five people and injured 13 others, according to reports reaching here today.

Case of booby-trap radio goes to Supreme Court

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 9

An important test case of the legitimate rights in self-defence of property is to go before the Supreme Court of Appeal, after the Appeal Court at Rheims today judged itself incompetent to rule on it.

He said that his aim was to cut the inflation rate to 7.5 per cent and hold salary increases to 9.5 per cent. There was no intention of reflecting the economy, but the stability created would prompt private investors to put up the capital themselves.

The Paris dustmen have voted to resume their four-week series of "running" strikes, which have already led to the Army being called in to clear the rubbish.

Memory of General de Gaulle lives on

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 9

Eight years after his death, commemorated today by ceremonies at Colombey-les-Deux-Églises and in Paris, the memory of General de Gaulle is still green in the mind of his fellow countrymen, and not only of those old enough to have known or seen him.

Commercialisation of the general's memory does not exceed the bounds of decency. More surprising, perhaps, is the popular success of the exhibition devoted to General de Gaulle which was opened on October 36 at the Hotel de Ville by President Giscard d'Estaing and which has taken all the organisers completely by surprise.

OVERSEAS

Muslim leaders refuse to cooperate in Iran security moves

From Our Own Correspondent Tehran, Nov 9

Iran's new military Government today ordered action against agitators throughout the country and, in a gesture of conciliation, asked Muslim leaders to help to maintain order. The opposition National Front responded with a call for continued strikes against the Shah's regime.

Leaders of the Shia Muslims said that they would not accept the military Government and urged their followers to continue their struggle "against tyranny and injustice".

Dr Karim Sanjabi, the leader of the National Front, is due to arrive in Tehran early tomorrow after two weeks' consultations in Paris with religious and political opponents of the Shah, including the exiled Ayatollah Khomeini.

From Lawrence Pintak Lusaka, Nov 9

The anti-white violence which erupted in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, this week was the culmination of years of repressed resentment by the black masses against their former colonial masters.

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Their big houses have turned out to be mud and cardboard shacks—the lucky ones have tin roofs—jammed into vermin-infested shanty-towns. Instead of cars, some have bicycles, the others walk. Unemployment is widespread.

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Opel reliability makes you feel even more comfortable about it.



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Commonwealth arms call to help Zambia

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Commonwealth countries are being invited to provide urgent military and financial help to Zambia after the recent raids by Rhodesia.

Mr Shridath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General, said yesterday that a variety of military equipment, in addition to Britain's contribution, was required to help Zambia withstand the Rhodesian attacks.

Mr Ramphal, who has just returned from a meeting with President Kenneth Kaunda, was in Lusaka during the latest Rhodesian raid, said that there was a widespread belief that South Africa had been involved in the attacks.

People find it difficult to believe that Mr Smith would have calculated the war without South African concurrence, to put it at its lowest. Mr Ramphal said, "Certainly a deepening South African involvement is widely believed throughout the front-line African states."

Amin promise called a lie by Dr Nyerere

From Our Own Correspondent Dar es Salaam, Nov 9

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania said today that the promise by President Idi Amin of Uganda to withdraw his troops from the north of Tanzania was a lie.

Dr Nyerere also ridiculed messages of mediation he had received from other African heads of state and said: "I expect a clear cut message directed at Amin saying 'Get out of Tanzania'. I expect brotherly African countries to say to me 'Kick him hard if he does not get out of your country'."

President Amin had said he would pull back about 3,000 troops from Tanzania if he received assurances from the Organisation of African Unity that Tanzania would not invade Uganda or even Uganda itself.

Sceptical W cautious on Zaire aid plan

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Nov 9

Zaire and its princely creditors began meeting here today plans for restoring its ailing economy.

As well as representing Zaire, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Britain, Japan and Holland from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are also attending the conference.

The signs are that Zaire's creditors will not be too hasty about committing to financially support widely discredited M

Executive Council forced to recognize Rhodesia's feuding private armies

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Nov 9

Just over a week ago Mr Joseph Masungu and his wife, Viola, both senior officials of the Reverend Ndebeningi Sithole's wing of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), disappeared on their way home from the organisation's headquarters in Salisbury.

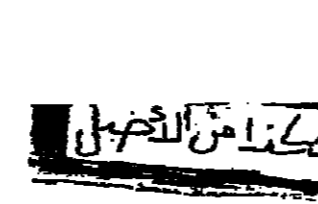
They have not been heard of since and are now presumed to be the latest victims of the increasingly violent feuding between Rhodesia's black political parties as they prepare for the advent of black majority rule.

There are at least five separate armies in the field (not to mention the gangs of armed bandits roaming the countryside) and the situation is becoming as complex and as dangerously chaotic as the civil war in Lebanon.

Most of the fighting is still being done by the Rhodesian security forces, the majority of whom are black, and the two armies of the Patriotic Front, Zipra and Zanla, although the two guerrilla groups have frequently turned their guns on each other.

Some people who would prefer to see security forces the guerrillas. One of the few of these private armies will impose order in the transition period and a member of the United Patriotic Front (Zupfo) believed to have a role.

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RSEAS

Japan given pledge of continued strong presence in Asia

Hazelhurst 9
Old Brown, the United Secretary for Defence, opened today that the...
Anglo-class attack submarines in the region.



Mr Pham Van Dong, Vietnam's Prime Minister (second left), and Mr Le Duan, the Vietnamese Communist Party leader (right), at the end of their eight-day visit to the Soviet Union where they reached agreement with Mr Brezhnev (centre) and Mr Kosygin (left), the Soviet leaders, on a friendship treaty.

Mr Brezhnev reveals past heart illness in memoirs

Moscow, Nov 9.—President Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union, whose health has been a frequent subject for speculation in recent years, has admitted that he suffered two mild heart attacks in the mid-1950s.

Dr King's assassin called racist

From David Cross Washington, Nov 9

Mr Alexander Eist, a retired British police inspector, gave evidence here today that James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Dr Martin Luther King, appeared to be "completely unblack" during various conversations they had about ten years ago.

Harrier's US version makes first flight

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

A version of the British Harrier vertical take-off fighter aircraft developed by the United States aircraft manufacturers, McDonnell Douglas made its first flight yesterday from the international airport at St Louis.

Janata wins Bombay and allays party fears

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi, Nov 9

India's ruling Janata Party has received a consolation prize after Mrs Indira Gandhi's win in rural southern India by winning control of Greater Bombay from a Congress alliance in yesterday's municipal elections.

Zealand's st shifts with Pacific

Correspondent Nov 9

The White Paper on New Zealand's strategic interest in Asia more towards the Pacific.

Bandaranaike investigation barred by court

Colombo, Nov 9.—Sri Lanka's appeal court today barred a special presidential commission from investigating the conduct of Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the former Prime Minister, during her seven years in office.

The appeal court ruled that the presidential panel could not inquire into Mrs Bandaranaike's conduct during the period before that date because the law under which it was appointed was not retrospective.

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He recalls that he was constantly on the move seeking to ensure a good grain harvest in the newly-cultivate area, sleeping only fitfully and eating wherever he could.

Transcript delays Soviet appeal

London, Nov 9.—The appeal of a Soviet prisoner of war, Podrabinek, against his conviction for espionage, is being delayed because of difficulties in producing a transcript of the trial.

Podrabinek, a medical officer, was sentenced to 25 years in a one-day trial, which was held in a court in Britain.

an 11-page analysis of the case by a senior Moscow lawyer, Mrs Sofia Kalistratova. She denounces the judge's violations of legal procedure, especially his refusal to call any defence witnesses or to obtain relevant documents needed by Mr Podrabinek to answer the charges.

Man in irons court charged

London, Nov 9.—Trevor John Smith, 35, of Stoke-on-Trent, was charged in a criminal court today with possession of 75 heroin for sale.

Limited scope of Teng visit to Malaysia

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Nov 9

Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, arrived in Kuala Lumpur tonight in an official welcome that included a 17-gun salute usually accorded to heads of government.

Officials have agreed that the discussions will have a limited scope. Diplomatic sources said today that wider discussions, should there be any, would in any case be tentative as Datu Hussein Onn is expected to visit China next year for more substantive talks.



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US MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Mr Brown's California victory boosts his presidential chances

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, Nov 9 One minute after the polls closed in California, the CBS television network predicted that Governor Jerry Brown, the Democratic incumbent, had easily won re-election for another four-year term by defeating Mr. Evelle Younger, the Republican challenger. This lightning assessment was not wishful thinking, as the 40-year-old bachelor governor triumphed with 56 per cent of the vote against the former state Attorney General's 37 per cent.

However, the most intriguing fact about Mr Brown's victory was that in winning so easily, he projected himself firmly as an important figure in the national political arena and has strengthened his chances of being a likely contender for the 1980 presidential campaign. Mr Brown insisted at his Los Angeles hotel that he would serve his four-year term, but he did not rule out completely

any moves in 1980. Flanked by his father, Edmund, a former California governor, Mr Brown said: "The President is doing a good job and Teddy Kennedy is very strong, so I have lowered my expectations. But I am not locking myself into or out of anything." Mr Brown has proved that he is an adroit politician, for he virtually presented himself as being more Republican than the Republicans, garnering a heavy vote on traditional conservative issues like budget-cutting, lowering taxes, and promising to pare civil service jobs by 10 per cent. On the eve of the election, Mr William Buckley, the noted political commentator, said: "Any Democrat who adopts the Republican platform cannot lose." Last June he saw the way voters were thinking when they passed overwhelmingly Proposition 13, a measure to slash property taxes. Until then Mr Brown had opposed the issue, but while his opponent was on holiday in Hawaii the Governor quickly became one of its most ardent supporters. Yesterday a Los Angeles Times poll showed that the young governor had also appealed to a remarkably wide cross-section of voters. The newspaper said: "Philosophical middle-of-the-roads voters went for Brown by a clear 30 per cent; independents favoured the Governor by 29 per cent; white Catholics, noting the Governor was a former Jesuit seminarian, gave him a 45 point lead over his opponent. Jews favoured him by 54 per cent, Mexican-Americans by 63 per cent, and blacks by 19 per cent." The only voters that gave Mr Younger an even chance were white Protestants. It was never a real race and Mr Brown's victory speech, which came two and a half hours after the polls closed, reiterated his "lean and austere" policy. Elections round-up, page 18



Mr Bill Clements, the newly elected Republican Governor of Texas, displays a newspaper with a banner headline giving the lead to his opponent.

List of the newly elected members of the House of Representatives

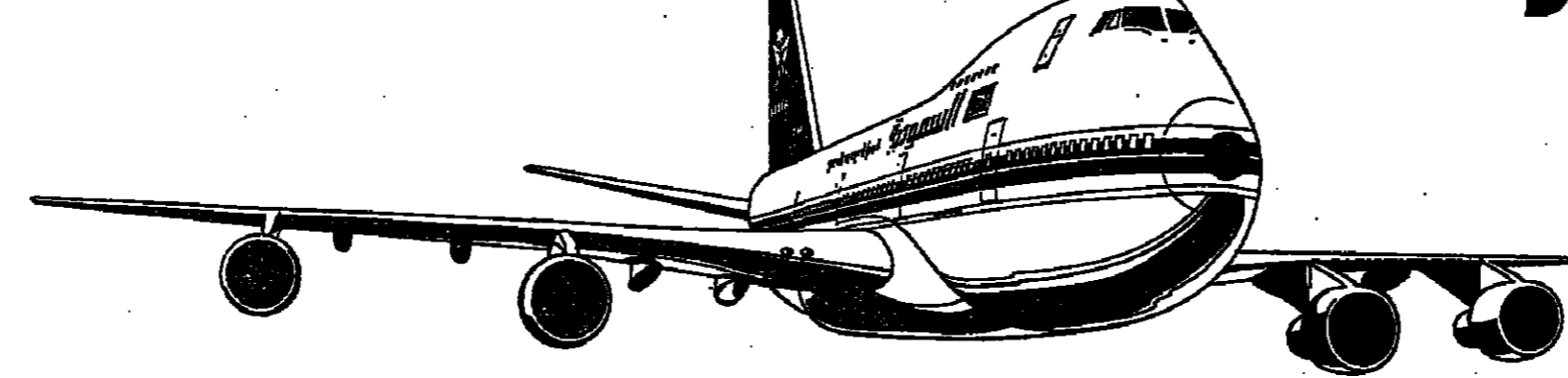
This is a list of newly elected members of the House of Representatives for the ninety-sixth Congress of the United States. One result is outstanding, that in the first district of South Dakota where postal ballots remain to be counted. Last night the Republican candidate Mr Leo Thorsness had 64,582 votes and the Democrat, Mr Tom Dachele, had 64,543. There is to be a recount. In the results, which have been issued by Associated Press, the letters R (Republican) or D (Democrat) before the candidates' names indicate the party which held the seat previously. The numbers refer to the House districts in each state. Where states have one representative only the notation AL (at large) is used instead of a district number. Sitting members are denoted by (x) after their names.

Table listing newly elected members of the House of Representatives by state and district. Columns include State, District, Name, and Party. States listed include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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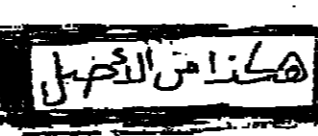
Entertainment listings for St. John's, Smith Square, on Saturday, 18th Nov, at 7.30 p.m. Features include: "Dr Merryheart" Havergal B. Clarinet Concerto No. 1, Wellesley Soloist: David Campbell. Symphony No. 1, Brahms. Conductor: James Blair. Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: £2.00, £2.00, £1.00, £1.00, £1.00 outside London Metropolitan. Other listings include Royal Festival Hall, Covent Garden, and various theatres like Globe Theatre, Adelphi Theatre, and others.

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A funny little war on the Ivory Coast



Genevieve Bujold and suspended patients in Coma

characters who people the colonial outpost could well have come from a Marcel Pagnol comedy of Marseilles life. There is a fiery Paul Rechampot (Jacques Dufilho) and his simpatico brother (Claude Legros), the melancholy Sergeant Broselet, with a fixed sense of failure and a wistful sense of mission...

Crichton says in an interview in Films and Filming that his story "contains many elements of reality: the fear people have of surgery, the fear of dying at the hands of your doctor, phobias about hospitals... My idea was to put the picture together in such a way that the fears are put in a safe perspective and can be enjoyed as scares without awakening deeper and more real anxieties... Still, it would hardly be a film to see before an appendectomy.

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We are in the laboratories of a Liverpool dance hall. Into the pink one come Linda and her four girlfriends. Linda is getting married tomorrow and they all talk about this a lot, nudging and shrieking as girls do...

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In inventing theatrical forms for whatever he wants to talk about, but even for him, it is a signal triumph to have related to the discipline of a nuts-and-bolts naturalistic play.

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On their first visit to Britain the Catalan Theatre Troupe, La Claca, will present Mori el
Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Merma with masks, costumes and sets designed and painted by the Spanish artist Joan Miro, from November 21 to December 3 at the Riverside Studios, Hammermith.

PARLIAMENT, November 9, 1978

Pay policy should be seeking not to dictate but to guide

House of Commons
The consumer pseudo-boom that the Chancellor of the Exchequer so carefully designed for the election that never was, had now been killed stone dead, Sir Geoffrey Howe, chief Opposition spokesman on economic affairs, said when he debated the Queen's Speech was resumed.

He was moving an amendment regretting "that the policies set out in the Queen's Speech are inadequate to deal with the serious economic problems of the country and that the Government have denied the British people the opportunity to discuss with the administration capable of creating a lasting prosperity in which all can share."

He said that when that amendment was defeated the Opposition did not know of the new dimension that was to be added to the serious economic problems facing the country with the announcement today that the minimum lending rate had been raised to 12.5 per cent.

They looked forward to hearing how the Chancellor's triumphant claims to the Labour Party conference and the fanside tributes were to be reconciled with the fact that today MLR had been raised to a higher level than at any time in this Parliament since the months following the Chancellor's triumphant appearance at the 1976 Labour Party conference.

How were the economic prospects of the construction industry, the prospects for industrial investment in Yorkshire, Wales and Scotland, and the prospects for employment, going to be improved by MLR at this level?

Talks with TUC on achieving more flexibility not proving easy

Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), said today he was able to report the improvement in the economy which he predicted in the Queen's Speech debate last year, was bound to follow the improvement in Britain's finances.

He was being criticised by Sir Geoffrey Howe's mauling of the Speech made an extremely interesting comparison with what was being said by Sir Geoffrey's friends in industry and the newspapers.

The record was encouraging. Last year's financial gains had been maintained, the pound remained firm, they were paying their way in the world and had repaid \$2,000 million of debt to the IMF.

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Lord Carrington says ending of sanctions would lead to universal condemnation of Britain

House of Lords
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EEC to be debated next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, second reading.

Subsidies for small firms to be extended

The scope of the small firms employment subsidy is to be extended to the whole of Great Britain from the beginning of next year.

Mr Sedgemoor's request to Speaker

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) told Mr Brian Sedgemoor (Luton West, Lab) that it was up to him to decide whether to publish the correspondence between himself and the Speaker about privileges in Parliament.

'No country great by self deception'

The order continuing sanctions against Rhodesia was carried in the Commons on Wednesday night by 320 votes to 121—Government majority, 199.

No precipitate withdrawal of troops

Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said at a question time that he would not consider precipitate withdrawal of troops from Northern Ireland.

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tionis between states than of those of conciliation, as he tended to do in his earlier years at the Elysee.

He would not now make the kind of mistake he did at a press luncheon in May 1975 of maintaining the view that the problem of European defence could not possibly be discussed because of the fears which it provokes on the part of Soviet Russia which might be inclined to see in it, at least in the long run, the risk of a certain threat, or of a certain military pressure against her. Or suggest, as he did a year later, that France might assume a definite position, commitment to Europe in Germany within the framework of Nato planning. He has acquired a knowledge of foreign affairs and a mastery of defence problems which makes him more than a match for his fellow heads of government in East or West.

This does not mean that President Giscard has turned into an old-fashioned real- politician. France must be present in all the great debates; it must have an imaginative attitude on the issues of the moment; it must express viewpoints which are not selfish ones. I have never been one of those who believe that foreign policy should be based exclusively on what is called realism, because the human race does not live exclusively from realism. It has spiritual needs; it has ideals", he said on tele- vision.

The differences of tem- perament, terminology and method which M. Giscard brought to French foreign policy when he took charge of it four years ago, his mondialiste or inter- nationalist approach, tended to obscure a high degree of continuity on basic issues.

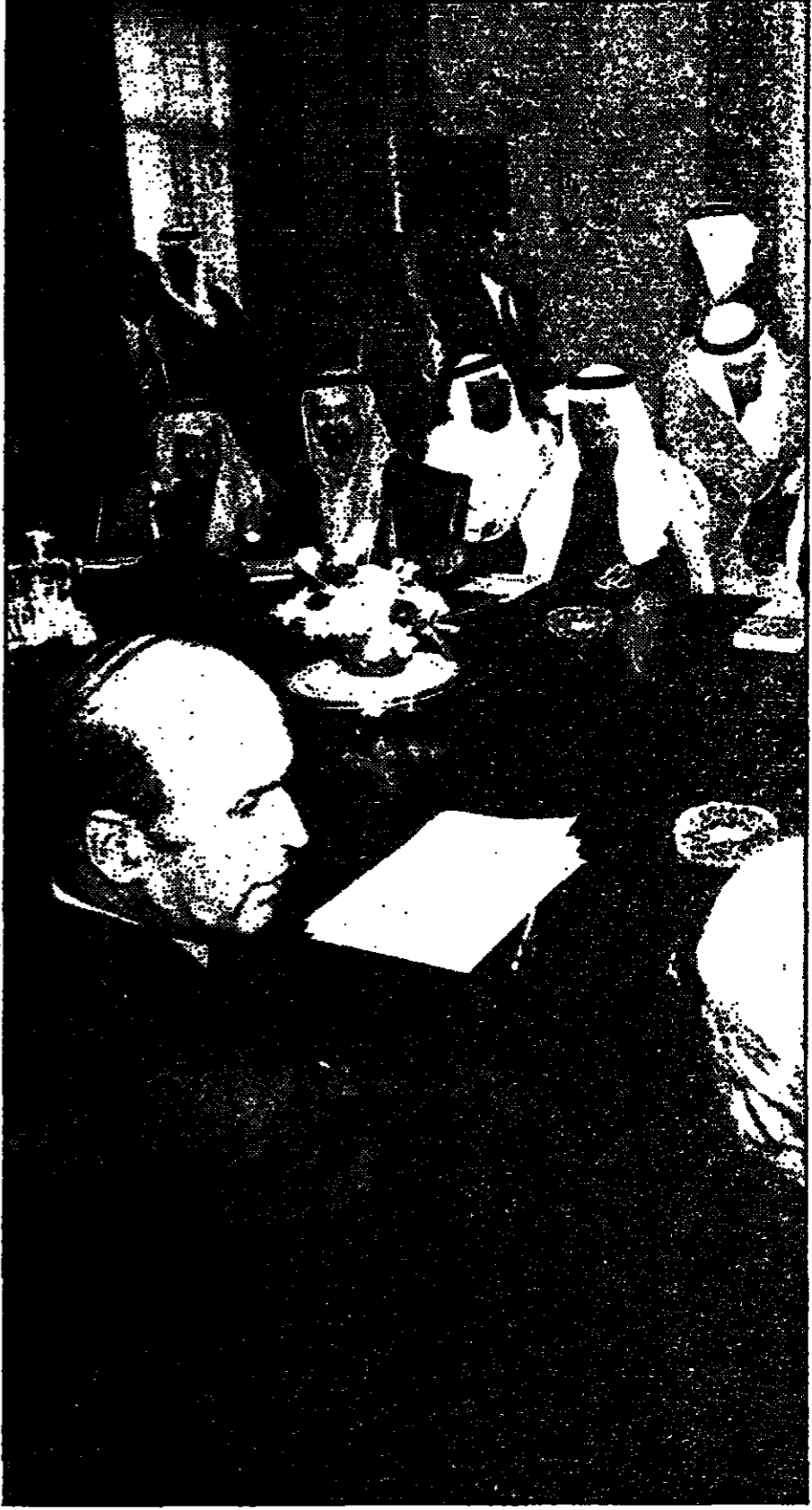
Speaking recently on the subject of the planned con- federation of Europe, he emphasized that he was no innovator and that the idea had first been mentioned by President Pompidou at a Paris summit meeting. In fact it was used by General de Gaulle in 1951 in the middle of the European army controversy, and many times since.

A senior French official explained the difference be- tween Giscardian and Gaul- list foreign policy by saying that the President played a forward game in foreign affairs, while the General always played a defensive one. There are two aspects



France looks outwards: paratroops in action at Kolwezi, southern Zaire, during the Shaba emergency. Right: President Giscard d'Estaing (front, left) meets Shaikh Yamani and other Saudi ministers in Riyadh.

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troopers in Shaba, and half a dozen Jaguar aircraft in Mauritania proved sufficient, at the right place and the right time, to stop the threat to moderate pro- Western regimes in both countries. The reconciliation of Presidents Mobutu and Neto of Angola are the logical consequence of the bold French initiative, which was conceived and carried out by the President himself.

The President does not accept the threat of a direct Soviet attack against the West in Europe. But he is convinced that Russia will exploit every opportunity of turning Western positions by way of Africa, which has become its soft under- belly.

He believes with Lenin that he who controls Africa controls Europe. The Kolwezi affair last May showed up the paralysis of the European Community in the face of a direct threat to its influence in Africa—neither Britain nor West Germany was ready to take part directly in the operation—and, as the French Govern- ment sees it, the complete inability of Nato to cope with any other than a direct frontal threat from the East.

So France stepped in alone, after consultation with its European partners, and with the blessing of the

United States, which was relieved and satisfied that France was able to act autonomously in the area and fill the void left by lack of an American policy.

The Shaba emergency did, however, bring home to the French Government the urgency of a complete revision of the ideas of Western defence and of the Atlantic Alliance. It regards Nato's strategic thinking as afflicted by a worsening sickness and an inability to cope with the new and different nature of the Soviet danger. The first reaction has therefore been to strengthen the independ- ent French nuclear deter- rent.

The decision a year ago to build a sixth nuclear sub- marine was dictated not by a desire to please the Gaul- lists, but by a thorough analysis of the substantial strategic advantage it would give the country.

The next reaction is to explore the ways and means in which Europe could take over from the United States a more effective share of its own defence. While funda- mentally loyal to the Gaul- list axiom of an independent defence policy, there is a growing tendency to view it in a European context and the realisation on the part of the French Government that the criteria of an effec-

tive national security system extend beyond France.

The more limited charac- ter of the American commit- ment to the defence of Europe, and the growing ineffectiveness of Nato, prompt the French Govern- ment to take a new look at European cooperation. A European nuclear defence provided largely by France and Germany would be un- acceptable to French and European opinion and con- sidered by the Russians as a direct threat to their secur- ity.

Hence the eagerness of the French Government to work out joint projects with the British, on the produc- tion of nuclear missile launchers for instance; even on a coordination of nuclear submarine targeting, each country would have not only its national targets but also common ones. It is alarmed at the negative response with which feelers in this direction have met in London.

This is all the more reason, in the French view, for pressing on relentlessly with the organization of Europe and for establishing not only common institu- tions—such as monetary union and an elected assembly—but also common policies on such matters as energy, industry, employ- ment and foreign relations.

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Charles Hargrove assesses the long-term impact of last spring's decisive polls and interviews two of the republic's key politicians: a former garage mechanic, now Minister for Economic Affairs, and the Gaullist leader who last year became the first mayor of Paris for more than a century

President's men take gamble over economic revolution

Just over six months ago France seemed on the point of breaking with a tradition of 40 years of centre, or right of centre governments; and for the first time since the Popular Front of 1936, of voting the Communists into power on the Socialist's bandwagon.

In spite of the spectacular breakdown in September, 1977, of the union of the left solemnly signed and sealed between them five years before, and of the steady widening of their breach, the tide of popular support continued to rise strongly in favour of the left, the more so since the Socialists pushed steadily ahead of their Communist partners in the months preceding the March parliamentary polls, and correspondingly stilling nagging apprehensions about Communist ministers in the Government.

In the event, it was a close-run thing, as the Iron Duke would have said. The outgoing Government scraped through with only just over 1 per cent of the votes cast, although the working of the electoral system gave it a comfortable majority of 90 seats over its opponents in the National Assembly. First defeated, the left was then scattered.

The shattering blow to its hopes, which had never been so close to fulfilment, exacerbated its divisions in the ensuing weeks and touched off personal and doctrinal controversies within Communist, and a little later, Socialist ranks. The spectre of a left-wing government is now generally believed to have been laid low for at least another five years, barring an economic catastrophe with runaway prices and soaring unemployment.

The credit for turning defeat into victory was equally generally given to President Giscard d'Estaing, who had never once doubted the outcome while most of those about him, except the Prime Minister, were in the depths of despair. He was confident that, however great their desire for change, a majority of his countrymen would not act so irrationally as to put into power two parties who were incapable

of keeping it and of governing France together.

His eye-of-the-polls appeal on television to the floating voters' reason and common-sense—and fear of the unknown—decisively tipped the scales. France once again played safe, preferring, as he put it, change to adventure, and reform to upheaval. The unexpected electoral success of the centrist nebula of non-Gaullist parties, the Union pour la Démocratie Française, set up at the eleventh hour, which cast itself unequivocally as the President's men and was only just outstripped by the Gaullists, confirmed the personal impact of M. Giscard d'Estaing and the shift in traditional voting patterns.

He has, in the new Parliament much more freedom than in the old, where he was hampered by the forces of resistance in the ranks of the government majority, to take the advent of a new era, which he boldly proclaimed when he himself was elected in 1974, a decisive stage further, under the twin slogans of continuity and *ouverture*.

The President's prestige in the country has risen sharply, and the Gaullists, though still the largest party in the Government, are left with no choice between revolt and submission. M. Jacques Chirac, their leader and Mayor of Paris, can no longer convincingly cast himself in the role of a providential man, to whom the country would turn in a national emergency.

The emergency has been averted. France moreover has just emerged from five years of almost uninterupted electioneering, and if he were to provoke a crisis on the ground of deliberately defending Gaullist principles instead of stepping in to clear up the political and economic mess after a few months of left-wing rule, he would lose a substantial part of his own following.

The March elections lifted the political incubus which has weighed down the country for years. They did not dispose of the economic one. M. Barre's stubborn battle since the summer of 1976 for stabilisation, against a cost-led inflation every more

than a price-led one, with its attendant cottage of wage deficits, recession, and unemployment, is only half won. Retrenchment and austerities remain the order of the day, and after the relief of the first few weeks, some of the victors' joy has disappeared.

But the trade unions did not stir. The defeat of the Left has also produced a state of shock among the rank and file, and a new mood of realism among the leaders, especially in the CPDT, which decided that since the left-wing parties were now powerless for many years to come to advance the interests of the workers, they would try to do so by negotiation with the employers.

As for the CGL, its leaders' open commitment on the side of the Communists in the controversy with the Socialists, has touched off some internal protest and upheaval. One and a half million unemployed are a powerful incentive to caution and unemployment restraint and not, thanks to a highly complex system of benefits, a spur to spectacular large-scale strike action.

The mood is distinctly not—or at least not yet—one of confrontation, even though closures of firms are often marked by occupation, of plant by redundant staff and large-scale problems of industrial reorganization in sectors such as steel, textiles and shipbuilding, as well as increases in rates and fares have fuelled widespread discontent.

It seems paradoxical that President Giscard d'Estaing should have chosen just this time to urge M. Barre, whom he reinstated as Prime Minister at the head of an almost unchanged government team—thus confirming his full endorsement of his sharp medicine, amid a growing concert of protest—and to invite a bid for a political freedom. However, in the context of the Giscardian philosophy of a more open, more just and fraternal society, this must be accounted as the President's strategy in October to his Prime Minister, outlining the Government's programme for the next six months—"to be carried out with respect for the objectives of reducing social injustices and inequalities."

This injunction has, on

other large towns, some powers were reserved to the prefects, police, security and traffic control. And the capital remains under the administrative direction of the state. The decisions of the mayor and council are subject to approval of the Ministry of the Interior.

The new statute gives the Paris council far greater freedom and the Mayor of Paris political responsibilities which simply did not exist in the past. It is a step in the direction of a more representative of the two million inhabitants of the capital.

M. Chirac reminded me that as Mayor of Paris he wears two hats, in fact he wears many more—an administrative one, which involves responsibility for running the capital at the behest of the state; a political one, because Paris is the capital. This political role was naturally different depending on whether the mayor belonged to the Government or the Opposition, a situation which could create definite political tensions.

Already today, although the Mayor of Paris belongs to the party of the Government, a majority which is not one which unconditionally supports the Government, there are difficulties, as illustrated by the financial controversy between the state and the Paris council over police and transport costs.

M. Chirac emphasized that he had not stood for election last year with the object of using the majority of Paris as a springboard for his political ambitions. "I decided to stand because if I had not Paris would have had a Communist mayor, and this would have been a very serious blow for the Government majority in the Parliamentary election. So I fought to keep Paris under the majority. But from the moment I was elected, I assumed all the responsibilities of my office, and I mean to do so as well as I can in the interests of Parisians without any political afterthought," he declared.

"As a matter of fact," he added, "I have got caught up in the game, and the problems of Paris interest me more and more. But I do not forget I am the president of the largest political party in France, a deputy for Corrèze, where I spend every weekend, and president of the Departmental assembly. But I keep the two things strictly separate. My main duty is in Parliament or with the

Surprise choice brings dose of common sense

in a society dominated by the spirit of endeavour and initiative, dulled by decades of state assistance and control.

The conversion of Frenchmen from a state economy to a liberal one is no easy proposition, but M. Monory looks to have a chance of succeeding. His features are those of a man who has fought to get where he is and who knows what he wants.

He also has ideal qualifications. Basically a pragmatist, he is untroubled by economic theories which, in his opinion, are often contrived by facts; or by philosophical doubt. He has experience of human behaviour at all levels and a firm belief in the virtues of free enterprise, which he believes will enable France to hold its own in international competition in years to come. He says: "A protected society will make any effort to adapt at home, and will therefore not meet the challenges it has to face abroad."

What M. Monory is aiming at for France, with the blessing of President Giscard and M. Barre, the Prime Minister, is nothing short of a quiet revolution from within, which will emerge as a responsible and competitive economy.

What is involved is much more than the removal of controls on industrial prices. This was a gamble the Government took after the March elections. As long as employees could not set their own wages, they lost interest. The choice of products, the methods of production, were secondary. They did not even know if they could improve the cost of their investments, in their time costing of their wages.

"This 'responsibility' economy is intended to reduce the excessive role of the state, save in those areas which are property in its own right. There is no question of M. Monory's kind of abolition of dirigisme in favour of a kind of latter-day laissez-faire."

"I want to remove the administrative from the day-to-day management of the economy," he said. "In a protected society, people make no effort to adapt in competition. In France I am

those rare branches like textiles, where they were still controlled, both prices and wages have gone up more than in others.

In addition to removing price controls, M. Monory hopes to encourage savings in industry and channelling savings into it, as another way in which M. Monory hopes to fight inflation.

"Industry will be the priority of the next few years. But its public image has not been good so far. He emphasised. A law which bears his name, voted last summer, had started to change that attitude. It gave tax relief to purchasers of new shares. The Bourne had gone up by leaps and bounds. People were turning away from land property, or anonymous investments—5,500 million francs this year, perhaps double next year—would reduce the number of firms and help keep their prices down.

But M. Monory insists: "Decentralisation of responsibility does not exclude the obligation for the Government and the administrator in charge with the structural problems of industry and those of regional development." He mentioned size and specialisation. "The state cannot continue to subsidise the steel industry by dint of billions of francs of the taxpayer's money. It must adapt. He mentions that helping it to adapt and assisting depressed areas are not incompatible. In the management of firms, by the sharing out and localization of industrial investment."

He does not think that the Government's new policy of freeing industrial prices and turning off support for industrial firms should have an adverse effect on employment. The revivification of economic activity and the structural reforms it is planning to carry out would have a positive effect on jobs. They would have to be accompanied by one step which he refused in detail.



Whirlwind sweeps through Hôtel de Ville

A whirlwind swept through the vast neo-Renaissance portals of the Hôtel de Ville when M. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, was in March 1977 elected the first mayor of Paris in more than a century. A statute has jargoned an end to the close sovereignty of the state over the turbulent capital and the city has since frequently taken issue with the Government.

As far as it was concerned the election was a throwing down of the Gaullist gauntlet. With it the controversy between the President of the Republic and his former Prime Minister took on the character of a political feud between the Elysée Palace and the Hôtel de Ville.

It was as though the shades of Edouard Marcel, the proud patron of the merchants who centuries ago gave the city in the century of civil liberties, and came to an unhappy end, had come back to haunt his successor. His lifeless equestrian statue stands at the foot of the monumental staircase leading to M. Chirac's stately monumental office—the largest and the most sited in Paris, a reminder of the power of the capital—and of its limits.

I asked M. Chirac whether he regarded his own election as the resurgence of Edouard Marcel. He said he can not be an admirer of his, and don't acknowledge any spiritual descent from that personage. Times have changed. But the political importance of the mayor of Paris under the new statute can, if he should belong to the opposition, raise problems and provoke tensions.

"The state has always been suspicious of Paris, save in periods of historical grandeur. Whether imperial, imperial, or republican, it has always felt the capital should be subject to a very close tutelage, and never gave political franchises or freedoms to Paris. For over a century, and a half it has administered the capital through a Prefect appointed by the Government."

The reform of 1974, brought about by President Giscard d'Estaing and defended by my Government, had changed all that. It had given Paris a common law status. Like all the other 35,000 municipalities in France. From March of last year the prefect was replaced by a democratically elected mayor, with the same powers as all other mayors. But they are not full powers; as in all

other large towns, some powers were reserved to the prefects, police, security and traffic control. And the capital remains under the administrative direction of the state. The decisions of the mayor and council are subject to approval of the Ministry of the Interior.

The new statute gives the Paris council far greater freedom and the Mayor of Paris political responsibilities which simply did not exist in the past. It is a step in the direction of a more representative of the two million inhabitants of the capital.

M. Chirac reminded me that as Mayor of Paris he wears two hats, in fact he wears many more—an administrative one, which involves responsibility for running the capital at the behest of the state; a political one, because Paris is the capital. This political role was naturally different depending on whether the mayor belonged to the Government or the Opposition, a situation which could create definite political tensions.

Already today, although the Mayor of Paris belongs to the party of the Government, a majority which is not one which unconditionally supports the Government, there are difficulties, as illustrated by the financial controversy between the state and the Paris council over police and transport costs.

M. Chirac emphasized that he had not stood for election last year with the object of using the majority of Paris as a springboard for his political ambitions. "I decided to stand because if I had not Paris would have had a Communist mayor, and this would have been a very serious blow for the Government majority in the Parliamentary election. So I fought to keep Paris under the majority. But from the moment I was elected, I assumed all the responsibilities of my office, and I mean to do so as well as I can in the interests of Parisians without any political afterthought," he declared.

"As a matter of fact," he added, "I have got caught up in the game, and the problems of Paris interest me more and more. But I do not forget I am the president of the largest political party in France, a deputy for Corrèze, where I spend every weekend, and president of the Departmental assembly. But I keep the two things strictly separate. My main duty is in Parliament or with the

Another of his ambitions was the security of Parisians. M. Chirac likes to appear as the defender of law and order against permissiveness and crime, not just in Paris, but throughout France. Compared to New York, Paris may seem safe. But whatever precautions are used, Paris is not safe, and the security of persons and property is one of the first duties of a republican state," he remarked.

"Responsibility for this lies not with me but with the Prefect and Government; but I want to bring pressure on the Government to give the Prefect the means to do the job."

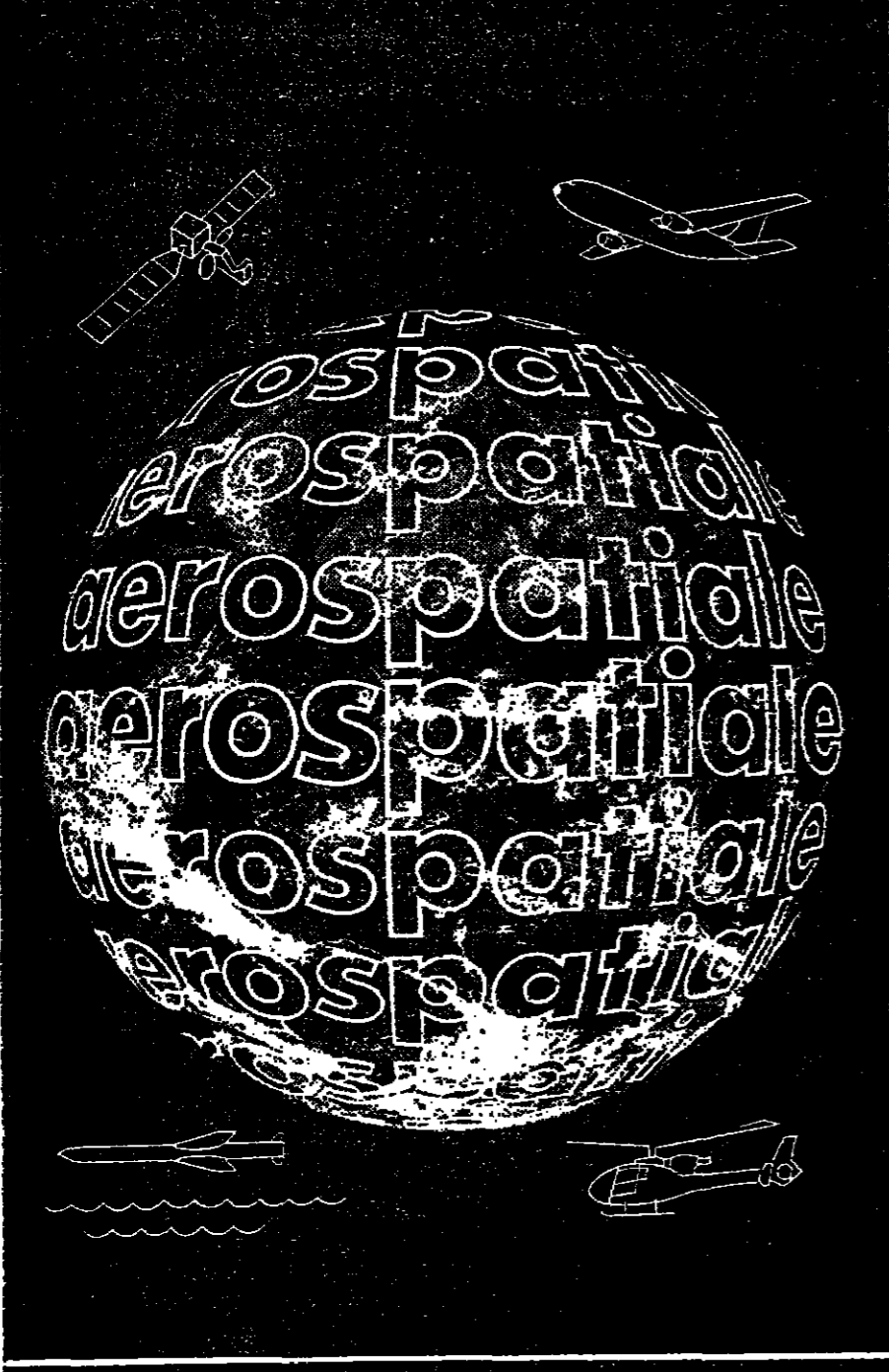
He bulldozed decisions through the bewildered city council, where he has a double majority; he took the law into his own hands; he was "born out of their comfortable routine"; went out to meet the man in the street; visited schools, hospitals and other institutions of the capital; inspected great public works, including the hotel of Les Halles; put the municipality politically back on the map by singing spectacular celebrations for the anniversary of its liberation; to which he invited among others, the mayors of New York and Moscow, and by receiving Mr Brezhnev and other state guests with the traditional pomp and circumstance.

He took a bold and independent stand on many controversial issues like the abandonment of the expressway on the left bank of the Seine, decreed by President Giscard d'Estaing, a decision which he described in a council meeting as "irresponsible and demagogic."

I asked him what his ambitions were for Paris. "They are to bring about a certain transformation of the capital along a few, in my mind, essential axes. I want to stop the depopulation of the capital, and especially the emigration of productive activities elsewhere. Paris must not become a city of old people, bureaucrats, and museums," he said.

"Next I want to improve the quality of life in the capital, with particular emphasis on housing and especially council housing; on traffic control (this is chaotic because of French indiscipline, not the incompetence of the police)."

"I also want to reinsert the Seine, to which Paris is now turning its back, into the city landscape. It must become the focal point of the capital. And then I want to develop the amenities of the heart of Paris, create more open spaces, large and small, close more streets to traffic."



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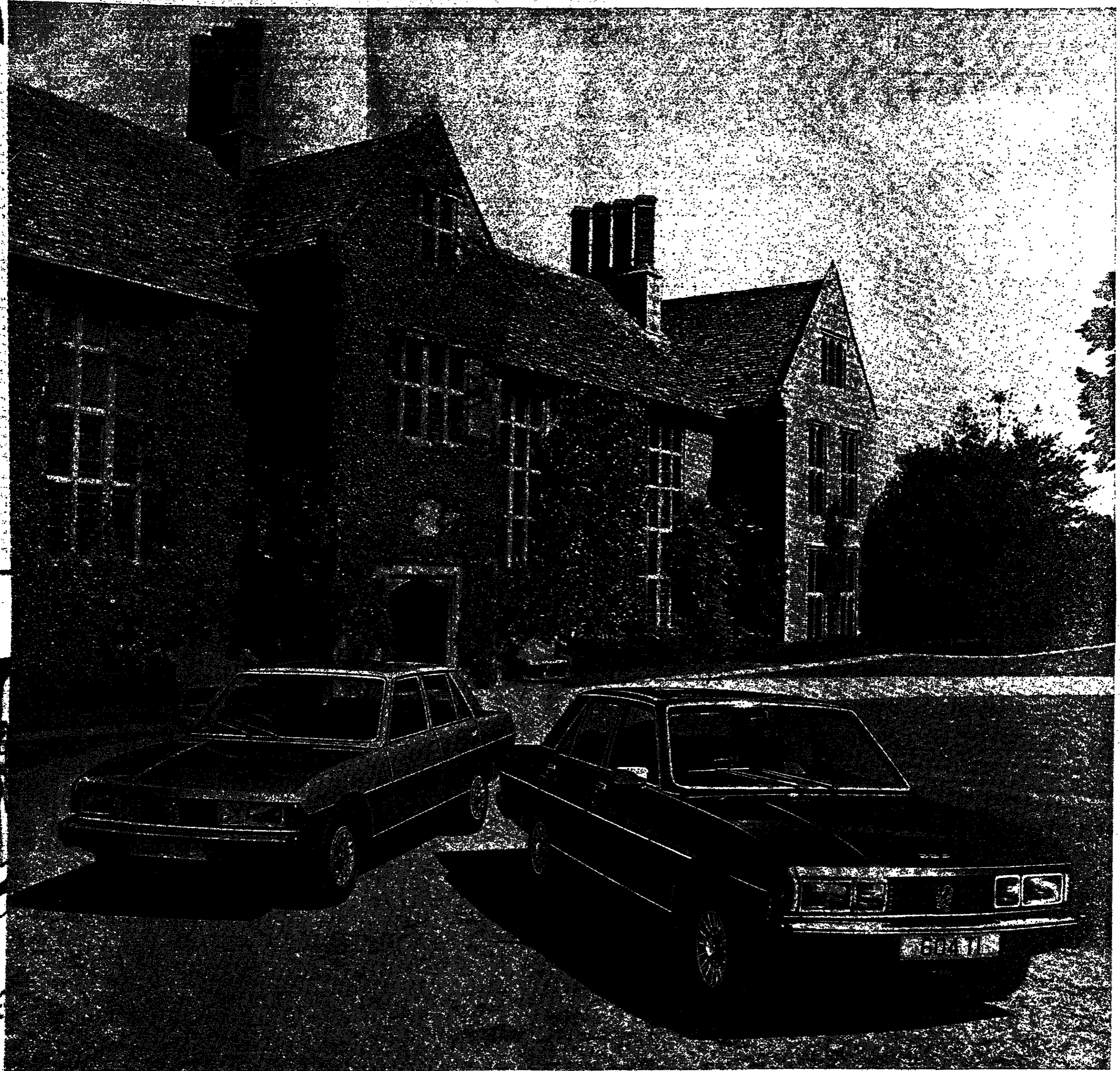
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by Ian Murray

When the new French Government was named after the general election in May there were few changes. M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, had made it clear that he did not want a new Government to face the same problems as the old team, especially as he had made it a main plank of the Government's platform that electoral considerations would in no way make him deviate from the economic path he had chosen.

But there was one significant change of emphasis in the composition of the new team. The industry ministry was given to a man with no real political background but with a long and distinguished career in dealing with energy problems. In picking M André Gérard for the job M Barre showed that expert knowledge of energy matters was essential for anyone in charge of France's industrial policy.

M Giraud had been in charge of France's Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) since 1970 and was responsible for the reorganization of it to meet the revised demands estimates which followed the energy crisis of 1973.

Earlier in his career, however, he had been involved in both the oil and coal mining industries, so he has a wide knowledge of his subject. For France that is essential because whatever other resources it may have France is short of domestic energy supplies. It is a factor which increasingly has dictated French internal economic policies, and external trade and even foreign relations policies.

France is dependent on imports for 75 per cent of its energy needs and the bulk of that is oil which comes from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and the Gulf emirates. It is therefore essential for the country to tread a wary path through the minefield of Middle Eastern politics to ensure the security of supplies. In the long term, moreover, the Government has realized that it must do something to limit its dependence on energy from such an insecure region.

The steps which have been taken are familiar ones in an increasingly energy conscious world, but the public relations in dealing with them show a chauvinistic trend. Although self-sufficiency in energy is out of the question, at least during this century, the Government is selling the policy to the French along the lines of its being a matter of national pride. The idea is to give the country enough energy to stand upright with the help of the crutches of imports, rather than as at present being pushed around in an imported wheelchair.

This can be done only by sufficiently reducing dependence on oil exports—an impossibility for the next couple of decades. Even then it can be achieved only by the development of other sources now. France is therefore having to pay for both its present and future needs.

The cost of energy is the main determining factor in the French economy. Even the pressing problem of unemployment is having to take second place since the creation of new jobs automatically entails burning more energy. M Barre is accordingly revisiting his initially hopeful estimates of when the French economy can be stabilized, lowering his ambitions for future growth rates and, even if he does not quite say so, writing far the energy balance to tilt in France's favour.

There is little chance that France will be able to solve its energy problems by striking oil. The nationalized oil companies are exploring the Western Approaches, but so far the returns have not been encouraging. It looks as though France is going to have to continue to import nearly every barrel of oil it needs.

There has therefore been a change of government policy which may succeed in reducing dependence on oil from the Middle East. The government monopoly on oil exports which has been in existence since 1928 is to be relaxed, and the price of petrol will be freed subject to a basic price. This will mean that suppliers using other oilfields can compete on the French market and so the effects of a Middle East war would not be as disastrous as in 1973.

The only real ways for France to reach the goal of energy independence are wide conservation policies and finding alternative sources. Conservation has a big part to play, although on its own it cannot solve the problem. Tax measures have been introduced to encourage people to insulate their homes, and industries to install energy saving processes. Speed limits have been introduced and lowered.

Energy consciousness has spread into advertising for electric equipment. When the fall in the value of the dollar during the summer made petrol cheaper, M Barre rejected the argument for lowering the retail price on the grounds that something as precious as fuel should always be recognized as being expensive.

But it is an alternative source and technology that France's real energy salvation must lie. Once again nature has been unkind. There are few alternative sources. The reserves of coal are estimated at 350 million tons, it is of inferior quality, and the labour cost of extracting it is high. French

coal provided 17 million tons of oil equivalent (toe) in 1974 and is expected to produce no more than 8,300,000 toe by 1985.

The prospect for natural gas is scarcely better. By 1985 the aim is to be providing 15 per cent of France's energy needs with natural gas compared with 10 per cent today. Even so the yield from France's only big natural gas field, at Lacq, is proving disappointing and natural gas will therefore never provide more than 25 per cent of the target figure, and the remainder will have to be imported from the traditional suppliers—Holland, Algeria, the North Sea and the Soviet Union.

France is also spending a big amount on researching and developing alternative sources such as solar and geothermal energy. But the most optimistic estimates suggest that these methods can at best provide only from 2 to 3 per cent of the country's energy requirements.

No indigenous oil for the Gallic wick



The French Government is committed to a nuclear energy programme. Conservationists, such as those pictured at a demon in Paris, have succeeded only in slowing the programme.

The real change in France's energy prospects therefore depends on more electricity output. This cannot be done with oil, gas or coal powered stations if there is to be any improvement. Hydro-electricity projects are running into fierce opposition from environmental groups and there are few suitable sites left. The only way out, the French Government decided within months of the 1973 oil crisis, was a rapid expansion of nuclear power.

The programme, mapped out in 1974, was to provide 20 per cent of all energy needs from nuclear sources by 1985, increasing capacity by an average of 6,000 MW a year over the period. It was an overoptimistic project and was based partly on the belief that nuclear energy was going to be the cheapest available. Although this may have been true in 1974 it is scarcely so today and the chances are that by 1985 there may be no actual price advantage.

Another important result of the nuclear programme has been the coprocessing method of uranium enrichment. This process of enrichment by chemical methods means that it is impossible to use the product for building nuclear weapons. M Giraud, as head of the CEA, was responsible for launching an appeal for international cooperation in developing the process and the United States and West Germany have already started negotiations to finance a pilot scheme.

France's commitment to nuclear energy for its future needs, begun with such enthusiasm four years ago, has run into trouble from conservationists and ecologists. Finding the necessary 20,000m francs for this year's development alone has proved difficult. The result has been that projects have had to be slowed down. Last month M Paul Delouvrier, the president of the state electricity company, said that this meant the country

might run short of over the next two years. Nevertheless the way to ensure independence of conservationists has succeeded only in slowing down and increasing by necessitating security arrangements around power stations. The wreck of the Concorde off the coast of the Canary Islands evoked a storm of protest from ecologists. France and West Germany and provided propaganda ammunition for nuclear power.

Ecologists had a choice of conciliant suggestions. They prepared either to forego oil carried by foreign flags of convenience or to allow skilled scientists to develop control a nuclear power. Providing energy a messy and often energy the economic lapses.

Power plant where sheep may safely graze

by John Ardagh

Europe's first solar power-station—to feed electricity into the grid, from solar energy—is about to be built in the Pyrenean foothills 60 miles west of Perpignan, and will enter into service early in 1980.

France claims to be second only to the United States in solar energy development. This year the country is spending more than \$200m on it, spurred by the knowledge that it has few other energy resources of its own. Most of the work is taking place in the Pyrénées-Orientales department (Roussillon), the sunniest in France.

At Odello, near the ski-resort of Font-Romeu, Europe's leading experimental solar furnace has been active since 1970. 63 big mirrors, spread over 10 acres, reflect the sun on to a tower-shaped boiler, backed by a gigantic concave prism of more mirrors. This "science museum" apparatus, alone on a high plateau, has been doing industrial tests on such things as ultra-refractory materials, and has even produced a little electricity, just to show that the sun can do so.

Now a much larger plant is to be built near by, with a 280ft tower, mirrors spread over 30 acres, and an output of 3MW. This equals a bare 2 per cent of Roussillon's electricity needs, but the new plant is not intended as more than an experimental prototype.

Many of the inadequacies of solar power-stations have still to be solved. They are not yet viable and their mirrors squander a vast amount of land. "But there is no reason", a scientist said, "why the mirrors should not share a field with cows, sheep and crops".

Several other solar experiments are taking place in the department. At Odello 11 private houses are being equipped with solar panels for domestic heating or hot water: but Odello has been no more successful than other parts of the world in overcoming some of the basic difficulties. The panels, whether in the form of windows or of glass



Part of the leading experimental solar furnace in Europe, which is at Odello in the Pyrenees.

screens outside the walls, one of the two most active in France—the other is Nice—in solar research. This covers thermodynamics, distillation, and drying, and energy, for central heating, photovoltaic processes. So, even in a sunny area, Unesco is helping the solar panels can provide only about 40 per cent of a home's year-round needs. Given the installation costs, on the coast, Henri Bourdère, a scientist in a state marine laboratory, is doing some unusual research on the use of solar energy for the breeding of fish in tanks and the growing of vegetables in arid tropical zones.

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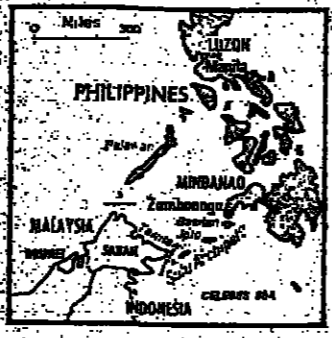
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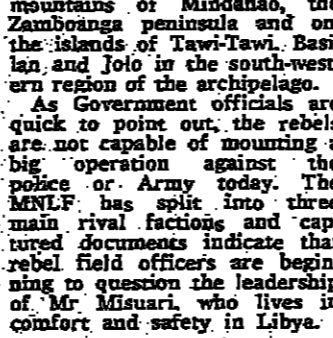
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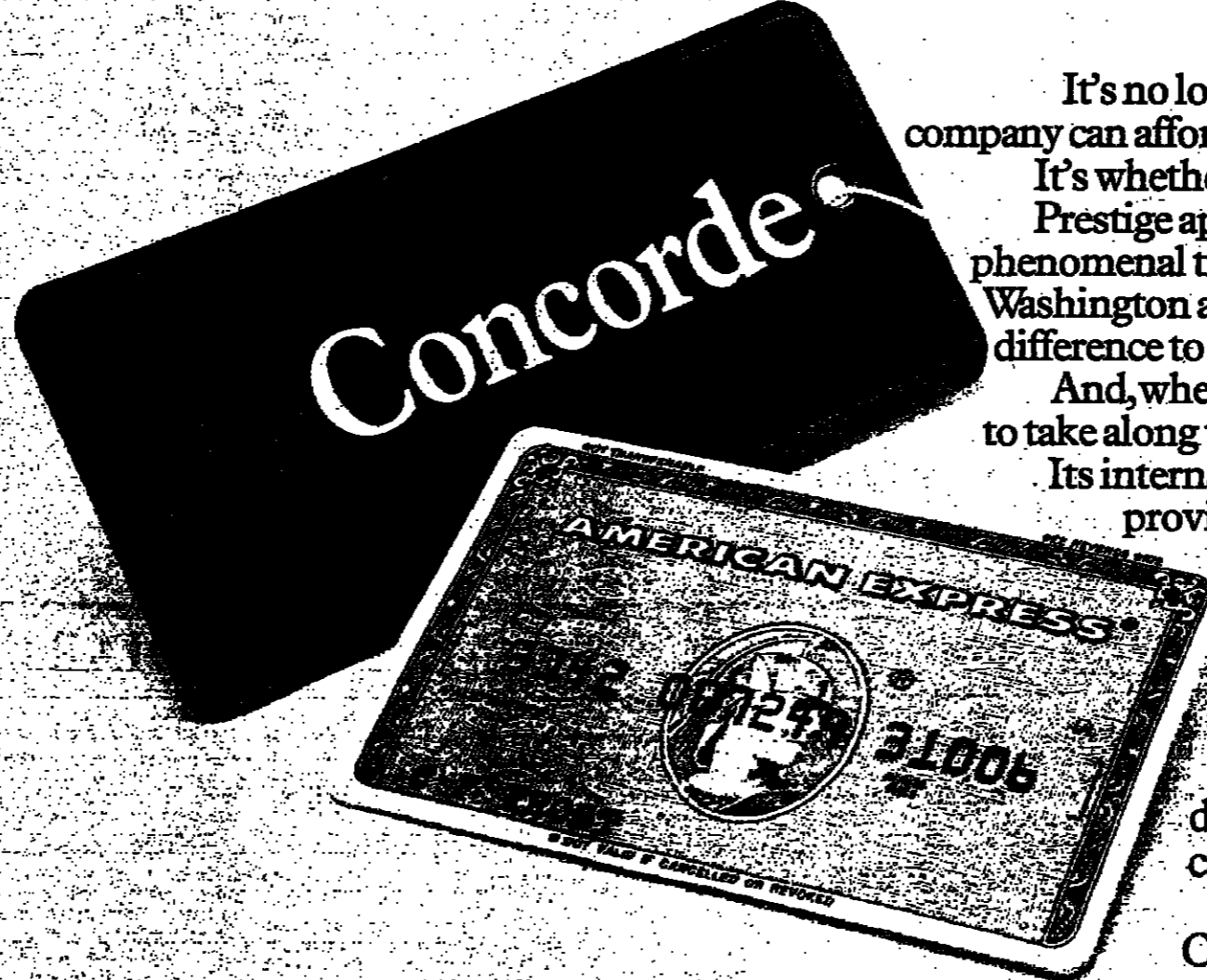
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From Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC. Sir, With one exception, the arguments for and against making the use of seat belts compulsory are fairly evenly balanced. The exception is enforcement...

MONETARY TARGETS STILL TOO LARGE

It blurb the decision to minimum Lending Rate by a half per cent and to introduce a new set of monetary targets which imply a tightening of Government's stance...

allowed to occur in the early part of this year. The cause of all this has been the excessive level of Government borrowing. The private sector has been increasing its loan demand in response to the expansion of the economy...

true, represent a slight tightening for technical reasons, but the change is not significant. But the setting of a central target for monetary growth of just below 10 per cent, which is what is implied by the latest announcement...

Divide or rule

From Sir Timothy Kitson, MP for Richmond, Yorkshire (Conservative). Sir, It is interesting to note that four worthy exponents calling for party loyalty in recent weeks, viz George Gardner, the member for Reigate, Michael Winter, the member for Maclefield, Norman Tebbit, the member for Chingford, and Michael Brotherton, the member for Louth...

Secretory over Palestine

From Lord Bethell. Sir, Dr R. Ovendale (letter, November 1) has missed the main point of my article on Palestine records. The December 1945 report from which I quoted mentioned in its distribution list an organization known as MISA. Similar to 1946 and 1947 reports...

European monetary union

From Mr Derek Bloom. Sir, I read Tim Renton's letter today (November 2) with something close to despair. It is informed by the same vague, self-deluding optimism that characterized British arguments in favour of membership of the EEC...

Chiswick Eyot

From Mr M. V. Osmond. Sir, My friend Mr Parton (October 20) and others who have expressed concern at Houslow Council's reported proposal to 'renew' Chiswick Eyot will be relieved to know that the Council have now rejected this idea...

Art sponsors

From Miss Ann Jellicoe. Sir, Having recently raised money for a large community play, The Reckoning to be given here in Lyme Regis in December, I would like to comment on Richard Hoggar's letter of October 30 and the subsequent correspondence...

Plain Jane

From Mr Derek Hudson. Sir, In view of the honourable precedent and the fact that I don't regret having called Jane Austen 'Jane' in a book review, though I must point out to Mr Fred Sedzwick (October 26) that I wrote 'Jane Austen' in full four times before I thought your readers might appreciate a change...

Y PRETEND THEY DON'T EXIST?

allaghan's memorandum Cabinet committees, now led in full by the New York, exhibits all the hallmarks of the experienced operator of the art of presence of political news. He is any relaxation of the barrier of official secrecy which binds the committees together...

government, saw before it. But full disclosure would make nonsense of the Cabinet system and tend to drive policy making into inner cabals. Many facts about the Cabinet itself are in the public domain, nevertheless, its membership is published, the occasions when it meets are no secret, and broad indications of attendance and themes discussed are also made known through the lobby system...

committee decisions carried less weight than those taken in full Cabinet, or into drawing inferences from the creation or winding up of a committee, or from the list of members. Outsiders might indeed draw such inferences, sometimes justified, sometimes not. But it is a poor argument for secrecy that the public is too foolish to make proper sense of information given it...

Army cadetships

From Mr G. J. T. Vyvyan. Sir, Mr G. A. Jones asks (October 30) why there should still be a relationship between the educational (and hence, presumably, social) backgrounds of Army officers and the regiments into which they are commissioned. Surely there is a simple and satisfactory explanation...

sophy on television

From Professor Geoffrey Vesey. Sir, In your article 'Time for a new television' (November 2), Magee refers to the series of television programmes he made this year about modern philosophy, 'Men of Ideas'. He writes 'The Times critic wrote the series began: "In serious scope there has been like it on any general network."

eleven programmes on philosophy not lacking in seriousness and with a format not very different from those of Mr Magee, have been broadcast every year since 1973 in connexion with the Open University course, 'Problems of Philosophy'. Five of the 15 philosophers in Mr Magee's programmes appeared in the earlier Open University series...

wide interest in the Open University series, but the sales of the programmes, and of associated written material, in many English speaking countries, have been far from disappointing. I wish Mr Magee equal success; his programmes were well worth watching. But they were not the first serious programmes on philosophy on a general network. Yours faithfully, GODFREY VESEY, Professor of Philosophy, The Open University, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

The tide of legislation

From Mr Horace Cutler. Sir, I write further to my letter in August (The Times, August 25) about proposed local government reform. Because I note from the Queen's Speech that we are to have yet more public legislation affecting local government services...

that circumstance she and her children are entitled. And because the motor industry worker is on strike, nobody, apart from others consequently laid off, is immediately bothered (because you can always run an old car for another few months or buy a good foreign one), but the country is losing millions in export trade...

VAT on art sales

From Mr Robert Buhler, RA. Sir, Miss Matcham's letter 'VAT on art sales' (November 7) might well have been headed 'VAT on talent'. Some dealers charge 60 per cent, some frame makers a great deal more than the £40 she quotes, and she has not mentioned the cost of materials and the time spent on paintings, both sold and, more to the point, the larger number that remain in the studio unsold...

perhaps Government policy to discourage all useless activities. It might help the economy in the short run, but what a bleak and empty future this holds out. And what a potential loss of revenue for future governments!

The hottest seat

From the Reverend Michael J. Crow. Sir, In response to Mr Alan Butterworth's query (November 3) as to whether it is only football managers who can be sacked these days, I suggest that MPs, leaders of political parties, Cabinet ministers and even Prime Ministers should be added to his list. What is more, we may once again see the proof of this before very long!

Smaller than life?

From Mrs Joan Woolard. Sir, On your front page today, Geraldine Norman describes the statue of Posidon as 'half life-size'. The size of the gods has long been a mystery, so perhaps Ms Norman should divulge her source of information on this point. Yours faithfully, JOAN WOOLARD, 23 The Middings, Sevenoaks, Kent, November 8.

PC who rode away from an attack is fined £150

Philip Thomas Dyham, aged 29, a Merseyside police constable, of Oldwith Road, Haydock, was found guilty by a jury at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday of misconduct as an officer of justice.

Justice Neill fined him £150, saying although he had been guilty of a grave breach of duty it was not a case for a custodial sentence.

PC Dyham was alleged by Mr Patrick Russell, QC, for the prosecution, to have ridden away on his motor cycle when he saw three doormen ejecting a man from Cindy's Club at St Helen's and kicking him, causing fatal injuries.

PC Dyham denied that he turned blind eye on the incident. He said he only saw a man being jostled from the club.

The judge said it was not suggested that PC Dyham knew a man was being murdered, nor was it said that if he had taken any steps he would have been in time to save his life.

"But the public is entitled to expect", the judge added, "that those who hold the important position of a police constable should protect us in accordance with the undertaking they made when they joined the force."

Abbey memorial to seamanship

Sir Francis Drake, Captain James Cook and Sir Francis Chichester will feature in a memorial to be erected in the great cloister of Westminster Abbey next year to commemorate four centuries of English seamanship.

The memorial, which is being financed privately, will be unveiled on St Francis's Day, October 4. Designed by Mr Eric Fraser, it will be in coloured marble and will feature the globe and the navigators' ships.

Ex-wife loses £31,000 interest

Mr Harry Meadows who has a night club in Mayfair, London, need not pay £31,000 interest to his former wife, Helena, on top of £150,000 already paid under a maintenance order. Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The court allowed an appeal by Mr Meadows, aged 59, of Queen Street, Mayfair, against an interest award made by a High Court judge in July.

Last May, Mr Meadows paid off an outstanding £77,500 owed under the 1974 maintenance order by transferring to his former wife, who is 38, two properties, the Meadow, at Raymead Road, Maidenhead, where she lives, and an adjacent house. Later, he was ordered to pay her interest that had accrued on unpaid maintenance since 1974.

Lord Justice Ormrod said yesterday that the interest order appeared to be unique in the Family Division. In 1974, when the maintenance order was made, no one dreamt about interest and no provision for it was included in the agreement.

Council leader pays libel damages to headmaster

Mr Colin Grantham, leader of the Conservative majority on the Tameside District Council, Manchester, has paid substantial damages and costs to a local headmaster over a suggestion that children at his school were not properly educated.

The undisclosed damages, backed by an unreserved public apology, were accepted by Mr Ernest Blakeley, the headmaster, in settlement of a libel action he launched to "vindicate himself and restore confidence in his school". Aldwyn County Junior, at Audenshaw, it was stated the High Court yesterday.

Mr John Camp, for Mr Grantham, told Mr Justice O'Connor: "Mr Grantham now recognizes that the allegations were unfounded and he unreservedly apologizes to Mr Blakeley."

Mr Camp said the headmaster, who is 58, to adopt the boys.

New law reform body urged

By Our Legal Correspondent

A new independent body should be set up to be responsible for the reform of the administration of justice, both civil and criminal, and the legal system, Professor Michael Zander, Professor of English Law at the London School of Economics, said last night.

Delivering his inaugural professorial lecture, he pointed out that there were two part-time bodies and one full-time one (the Law Commission) concerned with the reform of substantive law. But none of the three had concerned itself with the administration of justice or the operation of the legal system. Procedural and system reform, Professor Zander said, could be even more important.

The membership of the new body should not be limited to lawyers but should include experts from other fields: administrators, economists, statisticians and laymen. He suggested as a possible model for such a body the Vera Institute of Justice in New York.

Judge refuses to sever tie with foster-mother

Mr Justice Conyn refused in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday, to take what he said was the inhuman step of breaking the strong tie between two children and their foster-mother by handing them back to their natural parents.

He said he could not uproot the children, boys aged 12 and nine, who went to the foster-mother soon after they were born. But he refused to allow the woman, who is 58, to adopt the boys.

He decided that they should stay with her and see their parents regularly until they are old enough to make up their own minds about whom they want to be with.

The judge said the natural parents, both Nigerians, were sincere and genuine people. They wanted to take the boys to Nigeria.

It made no difference that the boys and their parents were black while their foster-mother was white, he added.

"I simply cannot uphold these two children from their foster-mother after this enormous length of time. It would be inhuman of me to do so", he said.

Elton John improving

Elton John, the musician, was in a comfortable condition in the Harley Street Clinic yesterday. He collapsed on Tuesday with chest pains.

Jury clears boy of murdering girl of 16

A boy aged 15 was acquitted of murder by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday. He had said that he stabbed Lynne Siddons, aged 16, "like Jack the Ripper" because his stepfather made him do it. The stepfather said he had nothing to do with the killing.

Dr Alan Usher, a pathologist, examined the girl's body and said his findings were consistent with two people having been involved. The girl died from strangulation and multiple stab wounds. The boy, from Salford, Derby, had pleaded not guilty to murder.

After his acquittal, Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, for the defence, told the judge that the boy would be taken to a place of safety while the authorities decided how to handle the situation.

The court was told that the girl was found with 14 serious stab wounds and 20 lesser wounds. The boy, a friend of the girl, told the court that his stepfather told him about Jack the Ripper and took him to see a film about the murder. He said his stepfather had a "thing" about stabbing women and used to stab pictures of naked women.

He said that after taking the girl to a wood he was handed a knife by his stepfather and told to stab multiple stab wounds. He did so because he was afraid that if he refused his stepfather would hurt his mother when she got home. He did not want to hurt the girl. The stepfather said he was arrested, held for 48 hours, and released.

Soldier's leg crushed

Corporal Dennis Noakes, of the Royal Engineers, was badly injured yesterday when a wooden beam slipped from an RAF helicopter, on a goodwill mission to a school near Gloucester, and crushed his leg.

When misrepresentations from abroad become a tort in England

Diamond v Bank of London and Montreal Ltd.
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Shaw.
[Judgments delivered November 7.]

Where false or negligent misrepresentations are made in telephone conversations or telex to persons in England, someone outside the jurisdiction, the place where the tort is committed is the place where the person is who receives and acts on the misrepresentation. In such a case the English courts have jurisdiction to grant leave to the plaintiff in an action for damages for the tort of misrepresentation to serve the writ on the sender of the messages outside the jurisdiction since the action is founded on a tort committed within the jurisdiction within Order 11, rule 1(1)(h) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeal held on an interlocutory appeal by Hymen Richard Diamond, commodity broker, of Hyde Park Mansions, London from Mr Justice Donaldson, who had decided in favour of the Bank of London and Montreal Ltd, of Nassau, Bahamas, that he had no jurisdiction to grant leave, because the tort alleged was committed in Nassau.

The Lordships heard Mr Diamond's appeal dismissed. It is in the exercise of their discretion because, on the facts, he had not made out a good arguable case for the grant of leave to serve the writ on the bank outside the jurisdiction.

The proposed action Mr Diamond claimed against the bank damages of \$2,250,000 for loss of the commission he would have earned if the bank had acted on an alternative source, which he alleged was open to him at the relevant time.

Mr Christopher Cochrane for Mr Diamond; Mr James Leckie for the bank.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said in 1973 and through a sugar market was extremely volatile and commodity brokers were concerned to get hold of sugar and sell it for their clients. The present case was about a deal in one million tons of sugar, which was a large contract and not available at all. Two brokers, Mr Diamond in London, and an American company, Niram Commodity Inc., of New Hampshire, thought that their huge contingent was somewhere, though no one knew where the sugar was coming from, and neither side, for their own good reasons, wanted to disclose their clients.

Mr Diamond wanted to purchase the sugar but wanted some assurance that it was available and that the people behind it were sound. The practice of brokers was for both buyer and seller to require the other party to confirm that confirmation to be provided by the Bank of London and Montreal Ltd, a bank based in Nassau and a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds Bank International, which was related to our own Lloyds Bank Ltd.

He got into touch with the bank's trust department manager, Mr Robert McLean Bease, in Nassau and telephone and telex messages passed between Nassau and London. Mr Bease confirmed on the telephone and by telex that the million tons of sugar were available; that Niram was substantially constituted and had done deals of considerable magnitude through the bank and in the bank's name; that he had no objection to undertake the contract for the million tons; that he had seen the documents; and that all was genuine. Mr Diamond then would operate on those assurances and made arrangements to sell half a million tons to a Liechtenstein company, and that he had turned down an offer of sugar from an alternative source because of the assurances Mr Bease had given him from the bank in Nassau; but those assurances were false and negligent because there was never any sugar at all, and Mr Bease knew it and was only saying what he did because he hoped to get commission out of it for himself so that there was plain fraud by Mr Bease on behalf of the bank.

He has brought an action against the bank and sought leave to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction under Order 11, rule 1(1)(h). In his first action he had alleged fraudulent misrepresentation; that had been dealt with by Mr Justice Parker, who refused leave. In a second action Mr Diamond alleged fraudulent misrepresentation against the bank.

A preliminary question then arose: did a charge of fraudulent misrepresentation come within Order 11, rule 1(1)(h) which said that the writ was permitted with the leave of the court "if the action begun by the writ is founded on a tort committed within the jurisdiction".

Mr Justice Donaldson held that the tort alleged was not committed within the jurisdiction but in Nassau where Mr Bease sent off the telexes and from where he spoke on the telephone. The judge had been influenced by observations of Mr Justice Wilton in *Cordova Land Co v Victor Bros Inc* (1965) 1 WLR 793.

On that preliminary point Lord Denning said that he did not agree with the judge. The reason was that as a matter of course, where a fraudulent misrepresentation was made by telephone or telex, as was the case here, the place where the tort was committed was the place where the telex was received and heard and acted on. That had been held in *Canada Inc v Ontario Motor Co Ltd* (1956) 42 DLR (2d) 262 and was similar to the Court of Appeal decision in regard to the tort of negligence in *East Corporation* (1955) 2 QB 327.

It seemed that the tort in the present case was committed in England where Mr Diamond had received the telephone and telex messages and acted on them. The *Cordova* case was wholly distinguishable; and Lord Justice Donaldson's observations in *Monro Ltd v American Cyanamid and Chemical Corp* (1964) 1 KB 42 that the tort would be committed where the negligent act took place would not carry the day. The present case was much nearer to that of publication of a libel sent from one country to another: the tort there took place where the publication was. *Bate v Bate* (1948) WN 355.

The textbooks varied on the subject, but in the latest edition of *Cheshire on Torts* it is stated that the tort of publication of a libel sent from one country to another is committed where the publication is received and acted on. Each tort here had to be considered on its own to see where it was committed. In many cases the real tort might be where the damage was done, as in the *Private Council* case in the *Challinor* decision in *Australis-Distillers Co (Bromwich) Ltd v Thomson* (1971) AC 453.

In the present case it seemed to his Lordship that the place where the tort was committed was where the fraudulent misrepresentation was heard, received and acted on and not the place from which it was sent; and the same would apply to a negligent statement. So his Lordship held that the tort came within the jurisdiction of the court as a proper case in which to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction and he would overrule the judge on that preliminary point.

But, on the merits—had Diamond shown that he had a good arguable case for the writ to be granted in this case instead of having to go to Bahamas? The court for the bank relied section 6 of the Statute of Fractions Amendment Act, 1825—Lord Tenterden's Act—that "no act shall be brought whereby to claim any person upon or by reason any representation or assurance made or given concerning or relating to the character, conduct, ability, trade or death of any other person, to the intent or purpose that such other person may obtain credit, money, goods upon (it) unless such a representation or assurance be in writing, signed by the party being charged therewith."

The section certainly applies to the facts of the present case and the cases showed that the application to fraudulent but not negligent misrepresentation. It is not a tort in respect of all allegations in the statement claim.

Then it was said that when Diamond asked for the writ to own bank tons of sugar he was not satisfied, the measures taken by the bank to rectify the situation were not sufficient. Without responsibility, the part of the bank was correct. There seemed quite a good arguable case for the writ to be granted. The point was: was the ultimate matter of fact decided—whether Mr Bease had suffered an actual loss of goods upon fraudulent representations. The statement of fact that in reliance on the bank's representations, the bank turned down the offer of tortious supply of sugar which he could have saved himself from, was a single word saying that the was or, who the subject of the tort was, had been made out, and his Lordship dismissed the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, concurring, said that he gave the writ to give the plaintiff an opportunity to serve his writ in Nassau only if he was satisfied that the jurisdiction was established. A false statement of a reputation made fraudulently by a negligent misrepresentation which needed publication became the tort of libel or a more closely related tort which only became tortious because they caused damage. In libel and slander, the publication of a false statement of fact caused damage to cause it to be actionable, but not to the plaintiff, was necessary to cause the tort. Defamatory words must, however, be published and the false statement must be effective there was no tort committed.

It was that requirement of tort in question in the present case—that the misrepresentation must be effective and on the mind—which distinguished it from other and determining preliminary point of jurisdiction in the plaintiff's favour. Lord Denning said that he should not exercise his discretion in the plaintiff's favour because had not made out a good case.

LORD JUSTICE SHAW, concurring, said it appears quite clear that section 6 of the Statute of Fractions Amendment Act embraced the matters all the plaintiff in his application. The statute turned on matters of fact and of degree in embracing language.

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Employment Appeal Tribunal
Bank pay scheme breaches equal pay co

Warrington and Another v Lloyds Bank Ltd.
Before Mr Justice Kilner Brown, Mrs E. Sunderland and Mr S. C. Marley.

In a test case involving 14,000 women employees and over three million pounds, the Employment Appeal Tribunal held that a pay scheme whereby male bank clerks under 25 were paid 5 per cent more than women under 25 because they had to contribute to the bank's pension scheme where as the women did not, contravened the equality provisions of the Equal Pay Act, 1970.

The Appeal Tribunal allowed appeals by Mrs Susan Warrington and Miss Margaret Humphries, two Lloyds Bank employees, from a decision of London Industrial Tribunal that they were not entitled to the same gross pay as male clerks at the same branch.

Section 1 of the Equal Pay Act, 1970, as amended by the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975, provides: "(1) If the terms of a contract under which a woman is employed at an establishment in Great Britain do not include... an equality clause, they shall be deemed to include one."

Section 6 provides: "(1A) an equality clause and those provisions (a) shall operate in relation to terms relating to membership of an occupational pension scheme... so far as those terms relate to any matter in respect of which the scheme has to conform with the equal access requirements of Part IV of (the Social Security Pensions Act, 1975) but (b) subject to this, shall not operate in relation to terms relating to death or retirement or to any provision made in connection with death or retirement."

Mr Christopher Carr for the women; Mr David Ester, QC and Mr Charles Bennett for the bank.

JUSTICE KILNER BROWN said that Lloyds Bank had gone to immense trouble to comply with the provisions and spirit of the Equal Pay Act and the Sex Discrimination Act. But, he argued, they had failed to comply with the strict letter of the law and had contravened article 119 of the EEC Treaty.

The bank operated a contributory pension fund which both men and women clerical officers were required to join. The schemes were different for men and women but that the women's scheme was non-contributory until the age of 25, whereas men under 25 were required to pay 5 per cent of their salary by way of pension contribution. As the women paid in nothing, in order to equalize the schemes the men were required to pay 5 per cent in addition to the men's gross pay.

In the context of equal pay men doing the same work received 5 per cent more on their gross salary compared with women and the men alone had an equity in the pension fund to the extent of a return of their contributions if they left the service. There was a further inequality in that overtime pay was calculated on gross pay and consequently there was a differential in favour of the men. That anomaly was corrected in April, 1977, but was not made retrospective.

The industrial tribunal rejected the women's claim on the ground that the pension scheme clause in section 6(1A) of the 1970 Act applied.

It was contended for the women that contractual terms relating to pay had to be the same for men and women doing like work. It was not permissible to make an overall assessment of the contract and to balance one disadvantage against a compensating advantage. It was said that the industrial tribunal had failed to compare like with like.

It was submitted on the bank's behalf that the provision for an additional 5 per cent was not a term of the contract relating to pay but was merely a book-keeping device. It was conceded that the end result was that there was discrimination against the women. It was claimed that such inequality was covered by the pension exclusion.

The question was whether the equality clause did not operate with reference to the 5 per cent extra pay because the term in the men's contract related to death or retirement and it was a provision made in connection with death or retirement.

The women said that terms in the contract or provisions in the contract with reference to pay had to be kept separate from terms or provisions with reference to pensions, and that the industrial tribunal were wrong in saying that because there was a causal connection between the pension contribution and the pension arrangements therefore the equality clause on pay did not operate because it was linked to a provision relating to pension.

Looking at sections 6 and 6(1A) of the Act, the appellant were of the opinion "terms" in section 6 meant terms of an individual contract and not terms of a distinct contract from terms relating to pensions. Thus if he separately introduced a reference to pensions and introduced inequality, but it involved a differential in pay, the equality clause would apply. But in the present case the bank had adopted it not to be said that it was a provision relating to death or retirement or a provision relating to pension. It was an equality clause which applied.

It was further argued that the pension scheme was a separate contract from section 6(1A), it would correct article 119 of the EEC Treaty. The industrial tribunal of 1975, which required the grounds of sex discrimination, but the Court of E. Coomes (Holding) in *Warrington v Lloyds Bank Ltd* kept the question open and the Appeal considered that it was not to pass judgment on the interpretation of section 6(1A), the pension exclusion clause, but on the application of that clause to the arrangements made by the employers. It would be allowed to appeal would be granted. Solicitors: Lawford & I. D. Cheryne.



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War hero and statesman

Brigadier P. S. Ward... The hero... The statesman... The life...

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Diocese of Salisbury

Diocese of Salisbury... The diocese... The news...

Diocese of Winchester

Diocese of Winchester... The diocese... The news...

Diocese of London

Diocese of London... The diocese... The news...

T. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE advertisement. Mare Street, London E8 4SA. 1905 the Sisters of Charity have cared for the poor in the East End of London.

MOULINEX IN THE USA advertisement. Promising results of its market research in the U.S.A. Moulinex has decided to open production plant at Virginia Beach in India.

Special Reports advertisement. appearing in THE TIMES next week are: Jordan 13th November 1978, Portugal 14th November 1978, Syria 16th November 1978, Gold through the Ages 17th November 1978.

SPORT

Football

Forest strengthen their position as favourites after draw

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
After having beaten Everton at Goodison Park this week with the additional advantage of conceding an early own goal, Nottingham Forest are fully expected to retain the Football League Cup. Their position as favourites was strengthened by yesterday's fifth round draw which gave them a home match against Brighton and Hove Albion, but if they do reach the final at Wembley on March 17, the likelihood is that their opponents will come from the first division.

Reading are the last of the real outsiders, but being top of the fourth division and unbeaten at home they have every incentive to defeat Southampton in next Tuesday's replay and meet Manchester City on their own ground. They had the best chance in the goalless draw with Southampton on Wednesday and were always the more aggressive if not the more skillful team.

Watford's attempts to play composed football in the tense atmosphere at Exeter, also on Wednesday, have been rewarded with a goalless draw with Southampton on Wednesday and were always the more aggressive if not the more skillful team.

League Cup draw

Nottingham Forest v Brighton. Leeds United v Luton Town. Reading v Southampton v Manchester City v Watford.

Deyna signs for City
Kazimierz Deyna, the Polish World Cup player, signed for Manchester City yesterday for £100,000. He will be one of the main players in the club's League Cup campaign against Ipswich Town on November 25.

Australian first
Sydney, Nov. 9.—England will play a test match against Australia for the first time in the 1980 Centenary of Australian Soccer Year.

Forest's new stand

Nottingham Forest are to spend £1,500,000 on a new stand next season. It will seat 8,000 people and replace the east stand.

Brady and Owen banned by UEFA

Gary Owen and Liam Brady felt the full weight of UEFA's disciplinary powers yesterday when they were banned for a total of eight games after being sent off in European matches last week. Arsenal lodged an immediate appeal against Brady's three-match ban, and Manchester City have four days in which to follow suit in Owen's case.

Mr. Karlz confirmed that the referees had been handed in and the board would make a decision on Monday after hearing the manager's recommendation. The Midlands and North-East football associations have agreed to accept the decision on Monday.



John Gidman (left) Aston Villa's England defender, who has asked for a transfer, and Jim Platt, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, who has joined Cardiff City on loan.

Unhappy Gidman hands in a transfer request

Aston Villa's England full back John Gidman, asked for a transfer yesterday, saying he had been accused of not giving 100 per cent effort in Wednesday night's League Cup defeat by Luton. Gidman handed in a written transfer request to the club chairman, Harry Redknapp, and will go before a board meeting on Monday.

Kevin Beattie, one of the Ipswich side for five weeks with knee trouble, is expected to play against West Bromwich Albion. But another defender, George Burley, who injured an ankle against Luton on Wednesday, is likely to be absent.

Cricket Mohsin in fight to regain Test place

Hyderabad, Pakistan, Nov. 9.—A black bat by the young opening batsman, Mohsin Khan, was the backbone of Sind Province's first innings of 223 on the opening day of their three-day match against the Indians here today. Mohsin, fighting desperately for the Test place, he lost when Pakistan's Kerry Packar players returned to the field, but he hit 240 runs for his 106, hitting three sixes and eight fours. He was never in trouble and was the only batsman to score the century.

Richard Gilliat is resigning today as the most successful captain in Hampshire's history. Gilliat, 34, is leaving Hampshire at the conclusion of a benefit season expected to bring him nearly £30,000.

Rugby league Council meet today over club dispute

A special meeting of the Rugby League Council has been called in Leeds today to settle a dispute between Wigan and Rochdale. The meeting is expected to deal with the dispute over the transfer of Wigan player David Oxley to Rochdale.

Randall returns to scene of triumph

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
November 9
Derek Randall returns to the scene of his greatest triumph against Glamorgan second at Cardiff which should encourage him to all cricketers who see out next fixture with only a modicum of rest. He missed a good game, to give his knee a few days rest, as does Wales who would be assured of a leg come should he choose to play or two off at Leamington, yesterday, he is one-day game going in the interim. He is back in the Old and Lever. He played here in the centre match and will be playing tomorrow.

As if to counter with his own propaganda, Graham Yallop, captain of Victoria, describes himself as the fastest bowler in the world at the present time. Hurst and Calen, who have both played for Australia, open the bowling for Victoria, and Yallop claims to have scored deeper to Hurst at first aid in Brisbane last week than when he played for Australia against West Indies three years ago.

Swimming Britain's search for fastest over 50 metres

Britain hopes to unearth a crop of top sprint swimmers with a new competition launched yesterday. The event, backed by the Amateur Swimming Association, will be known as the Arena Sprint and aims to find the fastest man or woman over 50 metres. Seven qualifying rounds will be held in England, Scotland and Wales—the first in Scotland on Saturday, November 17—with the grand final at Coventry on February 7.

Squash rackets Hunt beater youngest player on circuit

Singapore, Nov. 9.—A 17-year-old Singaporean schoolboy, created a major sensation by defeating the world champion, Geoffrey Hunt, 3-2, in the first round of the Singapore Squash Open. Hunt, the world champion, was defeated by the 17-year-old player on the circuit, who is the youngest player on the circuit. Hunt, the world champion, was defeated by the 17-year-old player on the circuit.

First class matches

Table listing first class matches for the month of June, including fixtures like Lord's - MCC v Kent, Cambridge - University of Essex, and various county matches.

June

Table listing first class matches for the month of July, including fixtures like Long Eaton - Derbyshire v Northamptonshire, and various county matches.

A few breaks from customary spot

By Richard Streeton
Cricketer's second world cup, involving 21 countries and again sponsored by the Prudential, will be the most attractive of the 1979 season. The final stages take place between June 9 and 23 and few followers of the game will need reminding of the impact made by the inaugural event in 1975.

A more historic break with tradition could arise with the possible switch of the Cricket Council from Lord's to Arundel should Middlesex be at home in Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final round match on July 4.

Four years ago the six Test match playing countries were joined in the world cup by Sri Lanka and East Africa, considered the strongest associate members of the International Cricket Conference.

John Player League

Group 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z'.

World Cup

Associate 'A' and Associate 'B' will play each other in a preliminary competition for which they will be drawn into 12 groups.

May

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Minor Counties

Table listing first class matches for the month of November, including fixtures like Warwickshire - Lancashire v Derbyshire, and various county matches.

Robertson wins back his place at centre against the Welsh



Robertson, back at centre for New Zealand after a good game against Ulster. The boxer, who has been out of the ring since he was injured in a fight with David Watson of Ulster...

Down may miss the All Blacks

West. In Gordon Brown's Scottish selectors, that his wife is expecting at the time he will not be fit to lead the New Zealand team on December 10...

The injury poses acute problem for Mrs Jones

Miss Jones, 19, has a place in the final on Saturday. Miss Mottram, from Davila, took another day off from her studies at the Palace...

Mottram pulls out with foot infection

Hongkong, Nov. 9.—Ken Rowell, of Australia, seeded fourth, won through to the quarter-final round of the Hongkong tennis tournament today...

Golf: Irwin breaks record with 64

Melbourne, Nov. 9.—Bala Irwin of the United States broke the course record with a 64 in the first round of the Professional Golfers' Association championship here today...

Large increase in prize money at Cheltenham next year

By Michael Phillips. Prize money at Cheltenham in 1979 will amount to £21,150 for the 15 days' racing. This is an increase of 27.5 per cent on the 1978 total...

Rathgorman wins and goes up in class

Colin Tinker rode his first winner after a six-week absence when Rathgorman made light of the top weight in the Andromeda Handicap Chase at Uttoxeter yesterday...

Doncaster programme

Table of race results for Doncaster, including 12.30 BACKEND STAKES, 1.0 BILBY STAKES, 1.0 BILBY STAKES (Div II), 4.0 BACKEND STAKES (Div II), and 2.0 OLLERTON STAKES.

Cheltenham programme

Table of race results for Cheltenham, including 12.45 SOUTHWALL HURDLE, 1.15 MICKLETON STEEPLECHASE, 1.50 EMBASSY PREMIER CHASE, 1.15 BORCOVICUS HURDLE, 2.15 CORSTOPTUM HURDLE, and 1.45 MADRIAN CHASE.

Birwood Lad may have edge on experience

By Michael Seely. Doncaster's two-day meeting which starts this afternoon sees the curtain fall on another flat racing season. No Hill Reef Brigadier Gerard or Grundy has braced the scene but our trainers and jockeys have once again proved that they are the best in the world...

Unscheduled opponents for Sebastian V

The Durham Steeplechase, which marks the cooperation of Sebastian V, the second National runner-up, became a farce at Teeside Park yesterday. After The Frodder's withdrawal because the ground was too firm, Roystar, the runner-up, remained against Harry Bell's 10-year-old, reared and unseated his rider 10 yards from the start...

Teeside Park

Table of race results for Teeside Park, including 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE, 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div III), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div IV), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div V), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div VI), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div VII), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div VIII), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div IX), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div X), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XI), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XII), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XIII), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XIV), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XV), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XVI), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XVII), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XVIII), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XIX), 1.00 BUCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div XX).

Doncaster selections

By Our Racing Staff. 12.30 On the Race. 1.0 Hillability. 1.30 Sobieski. 2.0 Simoni. 3.30 Esser. 4.0 BIRWOOD LAD is specially recommended. 3.30 Shuffling. 4.0 Triple Sweet. By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 12.30 On Asms. 1.0 Hillability. 1.30 Anthony James. 2.0 Silver Lord.

Cheltenham selections

By Our Racing Correspondent. 12.45 Laurus. 1.15 Star Dyker. 1.50 ROADHEAD is specially recommended. 2.25 Staron Slave. 3.0 Orillo. 3.30 Honegger. 2.45 ROMAN WALL CHASE (Handicap: £947: 3m). 3.45 BORCOVICUS HURDLE (Handicap: £382: 2 1/2m). 3.0 CHELTENHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,816: 3m). 3.30 LANSWORTH FOURS YEARS OLD HURDLE (4-yo: £1,261: 2m 200yds).

Stock Exchange Prices

Lifeless again

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 30. Dealings End, Today. Settlement Day, Nov 13. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

Main table containing stock exchange prices for various sectors including Commercial and Industrial, Commonwealth and Foreign, Local Authorities, Foreign Stocks, Banks and Discounts, Breweries and Distilleries, and Financial Trusts. Each section lists company names, share prices, and changes.

Advertisement for John Moore plant and machinery value, featuring the slogan 'Budget high' and 'Mr. Str... to end it'. Includes contact information for John Moore.

THE TIMES SHARE INDEX table showing index values for various dates and categories, including a list of share prices and their corresponding index values.

THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Treasury expects deficit thin Budget forecast spite higher spending

By Westlake. Deficit between central spending and tax is still consistently in Whitehall to be in this year than predicted...

revenues will actually be less than forecast. October is usually a good month for government finances as revenue tends to be boosted by payments of both VAT and advance corporation tax...

Between April and October such expenditure was rising at a rate of 20 per cent between the two years. But this appeared to be caused more by problems with debt servicing than with general spending...

quand posals to Sime

Effort to soothe the new dispute between Sime and Far East trading and shipping companies has considerably benefited the consumer...

Cigarette sales war less fierce, panel says

A marked increase in cigarette sales competition since earlier this year has considerably benefited the consumer, although there are now indications that the intensity of competition may be declining...

did not have a more than adequate profitability. The Commission also shared Imperial's view that there would be no easy return to the sort of market stability the tobacco industry enjoyed before 1976...

Mr Strauss begins talks to end trade deadlock

From Michael Horroby. Brussels, Nov 9. Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special trade negotiator, met Mr Roy Jenkins, the president of the European Commission in Brussels today...

Transition to EMS 'could pose dangers'

The transition towards a European Monetary System could pose difficult problems, Mr Paul Volcker, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank said at Warwick University last night...

Mr Volcker, who was delivering the first Fred Hirsch Memorial Lecture, said that it would be necessary to be alert to dealing with the complications which the transitional period could present for international cooperation on a wider scale...

Clearers' unhappy with banking Bill provision a deposit protection

By Ryan Appleyard. The Bill giving the Bank of England statutory backing for its control of the banking system was published yesterday and immediately ran into criticism from the clearing banks...

The clearers' comment: "There is no need for a scheme to protect clearing bank customers. Their participation can be justified only as a support to the stability of the financial system as a whole..."

The clearers further criticize the facility in the Bill for doubling the maximum contributions to 0.6 per cent of the deposit base, as it indicates "a considerable lack of faith by the authorities in their own supervision arrangements..."

The Deposit Protection Board representatives from the Bank of England staff and the contributory institutions will now be appointed by the Bank's Governor, not the Treasury, as originally proposed...

Job subsidy plan to be extended

By John Huxley. The Government's £20-a-week jobs subsidy for small companies is to be extended from January 1, Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, told the Commons yesterday...

Tarmac to sell Cubbitts Nigeria stake

By Alison Mitchell. Tarmac, the construction group which earlier this year announced a £16m provision to cover the losses of its recently acquired Cubbitts Nigeria, is to sell its 60 per cent stake in this subsidiary to a Middle East consortium...

Takeover approach for Cedar

By Our Financial Staff. A takeover bid could be on the way for Cedar Holdings, one of the major creditors of the secondary banking crisis, which was rescued by a near-£80m City support package...

EEC ties itself up with man-made fibre knots

One does not have to be a strident anti-European to derive a certain amount of vicarious satisfaction from the mess into which the European Commission has got itself over the issue of the man-made fibre cartel...

Sir Hugh Fraser drops his appeal against conviction

By Richard Allen. Sir Hugh Fraser, deputy chairman of Scottish and Universal Investments, and three business associates, have dropped their appeals against conviction in the "accounting error" in the group's 1975 accounts...

Steel output rises by 5.1 per cent

Steel output rose by 5.1 per cent in October compared with the preceding month, according to figures issued by the British Steel Corporation yesterday. Average output at 21,800 tonnes per week was 7.3 per cent higher than in October 1977...

Chemicals export volume up by 8pc

Some recovery in trading conditions was reported for the United Kingdom chemical industry by Mr Stuart Woodhams, outgoing president of the Chemical Industries Association, yesterday. Production volume is expected to have been raised by 3 per cent in 1978, export volumes by 8 per cent and investment by 14 per cent in real terms...

£3m modernization for Hull telephone system

The city of Hull's telephone service has secured a £3m loan from the European Investment Bank for the installation of up-to-date telecommunications equipment. It is repayable over 12 years at 9 1/2 per cent interest. The service has operated independently for 100 years...

fall at annual

of the Hill Samuel for the six months to 30, before taking 4 exchange differences ordinary items, "are less" than last year. Board has declared an dividend of 2 1/2p gross 5p.

Bonn current account surplus up sharply

West Germany's current account balance of payments showed a provisional surplus of DM11,800m in September after August's revised DM139m surplus, and a deficit of DM11,900m in September, 1977, the Bundesbank said yesterday.

Curb on textile exports from Malta to Britain

At British request, the European Commission has decided to limit, and in some cases to ban, Maltese textile exports to the United Kingdom for the rest of the year. The action has been taken under the "safeguard" clause of Malta's association agreement with the EEC.

How the markets moved

Table with columns for Rises, Falls, and Commodities. Includes data for various stocks like Castlefield, R. H. Cole, W. Collins, etc., and commodities like Sterling, Gold, SDR-\$.

THE POUND

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hongkong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, S. Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, US, Yugoslavia.

Lawtux Ltd. Manufacturers of Clothing and Umbrellas. Summary of results for 53 weeks ended 1st July 1978 and 1977. Profit before tax, after tax, capital, etc.

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Have you seen him? The picture on the label of the Buchanan Blend is that of James Buchanan, the man who first put it on the market in 1884. Today's Buchanan Blend follows faithfully the tradition of almost a century. It is a smooth and satisfying blend of fine whiskies which is destined to win the affections of discerning Scotch drinkers everywhere. You may have to look around for it at first, but as soon as you see James Buchanan's picture, you'll know you've found the Scotch of a lifetime. The Buchanan Blend. THE SCOTCH OF A LIFETIME.

Shipbuilders abandon Third World talks plan

From Peter Hill
Paris, Nov 9

Moves by the major shipbuilding nations to involve developing countries in international talks on the industry's crisis have been abandoned.

This emerged here today on the second day of a meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's working party on shipbuilding. In the background is a growing realization that the Third World and Comcon nations pose a significant threat to the traditional dominance of the Japanese and West European yards.

The OECD working party has spent nearly two years discussing the desirability of encouraging Third World nations to join its discussions.

Suggestions on this have included the organization of a world conference and

the granting of observer status to non-OECD nations such as Brazil and South Korea at the talks.

European hopes of bridging the gap between Japan's continued opposition, Italy, apparently, also supported the Japanese view.

Mr Albert Grubel, chairman of the working party, said after today's talks: "The working party is now much more reluctant on this issue. There is no wish to have such contact with these countries at the moment."

Japan's opposition stems from the technical and political problems it believes would be involved. But underlying this attitude is the fear that Japan's position in the talks might be compromised.

Developing countries and the Com-

munist block, however, represent a serious threat to making shipyards in Europe and Japan. Their yards have about one fifth of world capacity, and their share is growing.

At the beginning of this year developing countries accounted for 15 per cent of the world orders with Comcon taking a further 6 per cent.

The working party is to consider a report on the impact of Third World shipbuilding and the issue may emerge again at further meetings next year.

Forecasters suggest that by 1985 non-OECD countries could be building between about 4 million to 7 million gross tons of ships for export—more than 25 per cent of world needs. On this basis, the OECD's share could be 30-40 per cent below 1975 deliveries.

In the light of these forecasts

today's decision seems surprising, particularly since the recently-established steel committee of the OECD has opened the door to Third World involvement.

Third World involvement on the steel committee was largely the result of American influence. But the United States has only observer status at the shipbuilding talks. Japan is a dominating force on the shipbuilding scene and is clearly the major obstacle to change.

Delegates today shelved for a further four months any decision on revising the OECD's general arrangements for the progressive elimination of shipyard subsidies.

In the present crisis the objectives of the pact are largely irrelevant, but Japan is particularly anxious to prevent proliferation of subsidies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fundamental error in notion that money itself has intrinsic value

From Mr Edward Holloway

Sir, The argument between the so-called monetarists and those who support an incomes policy seems to me to ignore a fundamental error in our thinking about money. People have been brought up to believe that money is itself something of intrinsic value. Though this was at one time true, it is no longer valid. For many years the value of the pound has depended on one thing only—what it will buy. Yet there has been a complete failure to convey this fact to the general public. Hence, we get strikes in support of demands for more money, the result of which is a diminution in the real wealth available, so that finally more money buys less.

To give a worker £100 when there is only £50 worth of goods to buy with it merely reduces the purchasing power of the £100 to £50. That is inflation.

It is the failure of successive Governments to recognize this, and the fact that they have pumped more money into circulation regardless of the produc-

tion of real wealth which has led people to believe that their spending could continue to rise without let or hindrance. The post-war attitude towards monetary policy was well illustrated by the statement in the Radcliffe Report on Credit and Currency published in 1959. It stated: "Spending is not limited by the amount of money in existence, but it is related to the amount of money people think they can get hold of."

Trade Unionists have obviously taken this to heart!

Having given many years of study to this problem my two main conclusions are as follows:

1. Reality and stability demand that money and goods should be linked together; and that the way to do this is to base money on goods and services, just as we formerly based it on gold or silver. Thus we would introduce a Commodity Standard, money being based on real wealth, ie, goods and services of all kinds. This would appear to be a logical step in the evolution of money through the ages.
2. The appointment of monetary authority, free party political and other surses, to regulate the money supply to ensure continued stability of the currency unit. If the authority varied the flow of new money in accordance with the volume of real wealth, the outward visible sign of their stability would be the maintenance of the price level. The price level would be the most apt gauge, indicating the money's alteration in the money's value. Inflation is a disease which causes otherwise sane people to behave irrationally. This, I suggest, will only be cured by a sound money and inflation are clear and the myth that money is itself the source of wealth.

Yours faithfully,
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Economic Research Council,
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Engineers shortage at Leyland

By Derek Harris

British Leyland has serious problems in staffing its engineering department, with 600 jobs for professional engineers unfilled in the advanced technology sections, Mr Michael Edwards, BL's chairman and chief executive, said in London last night.

Mr Edwards, who was speaking at the annual dinner of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, added that at current recruiting levels it would take three years to fill the jobs.

He added: "We should be ashamed of the fact that a typical major competitor has three times the number of engineers per product line. The low proportion has affected reliability and the speed of execution of programme. But it is a credit to the engineers we do have that BL has been able to launch entirely new products and keep others fresh through facelifts."

BL's poor public image was not a major factor in deterring professional engineers from joining the company, he claimed. Surveys had shown this was often outweighed by the sheer scope and variety of work on offer at BL.

Mr Edwards was concerned at the proportional decline in earnings of professional engineers who were once paid 40 per cent more than the average production worker but who were now getting at best about the same and sometimes less.

As a result the influx of able people into engineering had been quite inadequate, creating a situation where there was a generally aging and under-strength population of engineers both in product and production engineering, he said.

The answer was to pay people better and pay the skilled person better still, although it would take some time to restore the differentials and even longer to become competitive with American and European after-tax rewards.

EMS 'weapon against inflation'

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 9

Plans to create a European Monetary System extended far beyond the question of fixed or flexible exchange rates, Dr Hans-Otto Poehl, vice-president of the West German Federal Bank, said today.

No one was considering the reintroduction of a fixed exchange rate against the dollar, he told a symposium in Paris organized by Rothschild's Bank on the theme of "foreign investors and the French financial market".

The idea was "to use external monetary policy as a stepping-stone to greater political and economic integration in Europe."

Such action was long overdue. "The European Community is in danger of degenerating into nothing more than a customs and farm union. But quite apart from political motives—a zone of monetary stability in Europe would also give us all major advantages in economic terms".

Taken together, the European countries would all be less exposed to the vagaries of exchange rate fluctuations as they were today. Industry would once more have a reliable basis upon which to operate, and it would give a new impetus to investment and economic growth.

Dr Poehl said the present plans for EMS were different from the Werner plan a few years ago for a step-by-step harmonization of economic, fiscal and monetary policies, with monetary union as a last step.

The collapse of the Bretton Woods system and the oil crisis had made it obsolete.

But there was one principle which could not be surrendered, Dr Poehl emphasized, and that was "that the system must be strict enough to contribute to the step-by-step reduction of inflation in Europe."

Warning on Whitehall's 'obstacles' to industry

By John Huxley

A former top civil servant yesterday gave a warning that in setting the scene for industry's activities, Whitehall was creating a "succession of obstacles of Grand National proportions."

Sir Antony Parr, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Industry until his retirement in 1976, said ministers and civil servants had a special part to play in ensuring that, despite increased pressure for accountability, industry's "energisers" retained the power and freedom to act.

"If they did not always do effectively, individual departments were each concerned with the design of constraints and too little time was spent on coordination."

This can result in a succession of obstacles of Grand National proportions. Like the Grand National this is stimulating once a year, but too demanding as a daily exercise, Sir Anthony said.

"The accumulation of political reforms may carry with it an industrial handicap."

Sir Anthony was delivering the Mainland Lecture to the Institution of Structural Engineers, in a lecture which was also broadcast on Orion Insurance and holds a number of directorships, including those of Debenhams, EMI, Lucas Industries, Metal Box and the Savoy Hotel Group.

Britain faced a steady and accelerating international competitiveness, rather than dramatic economic decline. The slide was seductive because the long-term employment consequences of restrictive practices in industry were being ignored. "If the staff there the pay is unchanged, security seems not to be at risk."

The principal problem was to reconcile scope for continued enterprise on the part of management with pressures for accountability exerted by the impact of education and the media.

Sir Anthony pointed to the "paradox" that: "those to whom a company is legally responsible—the shareholders—become relatively unresponsive, while the main active influence is exercised by the workpeople, to whom the company has as yet no legal responsibility."

He said the consultative process had broken down, but should be kept separate from collective bargaining machinery. Government and management had to recognize in responding to the pressures for increased accountability that industry, whether private or public, was a competitive enterprise. "Once the ability to compete is lost, the spirit of enterprise is lost—and vice versa."

Pay and status should reflect the difficulty now involved in exercising responsibility. "This problem is not being underrated. It weighs heavily on the minds of many people, from foreman up to chief executive."

UK hopes for plane orders

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

An Australian airline could be the first customer for the 146, a new 70-100-seater airliner being developed by British Aerospace.

Government permission for making a full-scale start to the project was given earlier this year even though, at that stage, there were no sales in sight.

The Australian airline is East-West, based in Sydney.

Government sets out energy saving plan

British industry could cut its energy consumption by 30 per cent—equal to 38 million tonnes of coal a year—through technological changes, a Government report says yesterday.

It sets out a strategy for energy conservation research, development and demonstration projects, based on an analysis of the Government's industrial energy audit studies and other reports.

The report urges emphasis on energy saving at the point of use and on improved process efficiency—for example, by aiding insulation, heat recovery and instrumentation and control.

Further studies will be carried out to set up the longer-term possibilities for radical changes—such as reducing the energy content of various products.

The Government has allocated a total of £21.5m for a United Kingdom demonstration projects programme during the next four years.

It aims to achieve an annual energy saving of at least £5 for each £1 of Government support, and to reproduce each project in at least six other industrial sites.

In order to achieve the best effect from Whitehall's limited resources, says the report, the highest priority will be given first to waste heat recovery; then instrumentation and control of waste heat utilization; waste energy as fuel; heat pumps and industrial combined heat and power.

Priority will also be given to the food and drink industry, then oil refining, chemicals, non-ferrous metals, bricks, potteries, glass and cement and paper and board.

The iron and steel industry offers the greatest potential saving, but separate talks are now being held with British Steel and independent producers to assess the effort needed in this industrial sector.

Government support will combine the traditional shared-cost contract used for research and development schemes with the provision of grants, usually a Whitehall contribution of up to 25 per cent of the capital cost.

In addition, up to 100 per cent financial aid will be available to cover the installation and operation of monitoring or other special equipment.

"Energy Conservation, Research, Development and Demonstration. An initial strategy for industry. HMSO, £2.25.

Professor's pension not typical

From Mr Martin Paterson

Sir, According to his account, Professor Eversley (November 1) has lost relatively little in pension rights in consequence of job changing, because throughout he has retained the full benefit of FSSU contributions paid on his behalf by his employers. Together with his own contributions I believe this represents an investment of 15 per cent of his salary over the years with interest up to retirement date.

In contrast, the majority of people who change jobs are entitled in respect of prior service only to an appropriate fraction of their salary at the date of leaving, which is likely to absorb only a small part, if any, of the employer's contributions to the fund of which they have been a member. There is the suggestion also in Professor Eversley's letter that he has lost something by not being contracted out of the new state scheme. He should not be concerned on this point as he will receive, on top of the pension secured by FSSU contributions, the state additional pension.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PATERSON,
10 Haverly Street,
Park Lane,
London W1Y 8JX,
November 1.

Tea plantation takeover could not be delayed

From Mr V. H. Sutton

Sir, We place in context the views of the British tea companies of the Ceylon Association compensation (reported in The Times of November 1)?

It was partly the exposure—by the British media in 1973—of degrading living conditions on British-owned tea estates in Sri Lanka that led to the 1975 nationalization.

The Sri Lanka Government, even if it had wanted to, could not have delayed takeover of the public tea estates in Sri Lanka that followed. In very real sense, the companies concerned have only themselves to blame for the current difficulties over compensation.

This is true not only because of the health and welfare of their workforce, but also because of their failure to invest in new production. The Sri Lanka Government reported last week, for example, that 60 per cent of their tea acreage was 100 years old.

This, as well as the effects of communal violence, contributed in the first eight years of 1978 to an 8 million shortfall in production time when auction price cropping was, and extra work had to be done in order to maintain export as usual.

The British Government also, we believe, bears its responsibilities of collaborating with Sri Lanka to modernize tea and we find that the Office from the Ministry of O Development is that it very difficult to invest in Sri Lanka tea outstanding compensation paid.

We fall to see why thing surely the Ministry's responsibility is to try to make up for 100 years of neglect by the members of the Ceylon Association? Yours faithfully,
V. H. SUTTON,
Director, World Development Movement,
Bedford Chambers,
Covent Garden,
London, W.C.2,
November 1.

BUDGET DEFICIT (£ million)

Financial year	National fund	Consolidated fund	Other	Central government borrowing	Requirement
1977-78	944	5,516	-1,729	4,817	572
1977-78	216	388	-11	1,738	1,738
Q2 504	1,558	-414	1,738	274	274
Q3 -47	850	-850	1,851	1,851	1,851
Q4 169	1,765	-44	1,851	1,851	1,851
1978 Q1	238	532	-632	538	538
Q2	242	2,992	-220	2,814	2,814
1978	-57	-1,414	948	-1,125	1,125
Feb	-14	484	-92	377	377
March	-26	1,852	-825	1,298	1,298
April	-108	388	+187	448	448
May	-38	1,472	-180	1,711	1,711
June	-49	735	-182	801	801
July	-207	128	+202	-130	-130
Aug	+25	685	-43	1,112	1,112
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Oct	-103	-81	-129	-158	-158

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Journalist awards

Mr Michael Winney, of Construction News, has won the International Building Press travel scholarship. The £500 award is sponsored by John Deere. Mr John Huxley, of The Times, was named construction reporter of the year, an award sponsored by Bovis Construction, and Mr Deyan Sudjic, of Building Design, won the young writer to the year award sponsored by Blundell Percegnola.

Business appointments

Hawker Siddeley post

Mr F. J. S. Fordham has been appointed to the post of Hawker Siddeley Water Engineering as chairman.

Mr P. G. Bird, Mr P. J. F. Green, Mr W. N. Lawrence and Mr A. Parry have been elected to serve on the committee of Lloyd's from January 1. They replace Mr A. H. Gossett, Mr B. J. Brennan, Mr C. D. D. Gilmore and Sir Havelock Hudson, who retire by rotation.

Mr W. J. Alleyby and Mr D. A. Larkins join the board of Bonser Engineering. Mr R. L. GreenSmith, chairman, retires and resigns as a director together with Mr N. Ashton-Hill and Mr C. F. Duerr.

Mr Alan E. Lambert has been appointed managing director of Uvis Sportswear succeeding Mr W. R. Pickles, who remains a non-executive director of the company and a director of the parent, William Pickles & Co.

Mr Lambert has been appointed director of the House-Builders Federation and director of the NFBTE Housing Directorate from January 1. He succeeds Mr Ian D. James who is becoming NFBTE director of industrial relations.

Mr Derek Gorman becomes sales director for Forth and Mr Alan Wilson is appointed financial director.


Nuclear proviso becomes query

From Mr J. P. B. Lovell

Sir, In my article supporting research into nuclear waste disposal (October 30) what was intended as an assertion and crucial proviso has mistakenly become a question. It is essential that "the results of any programme of drilling are made rapidly, fully and freely available to the community at large before any major political decisions are taken about ultimate disposal of waste".

Support for the drilling programme is not justified unless the results are to be published in such a way.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. B. LOVELL,
23 Fleadwells Avenue,
Edinburgh,
November 3.

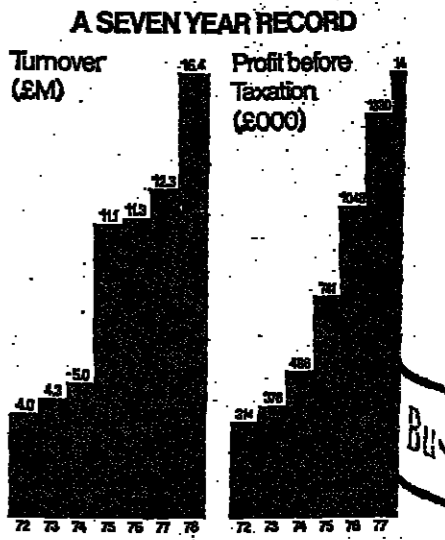


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- * Emphasis on sales in Europe,

- except for France, where interests were extended.
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- * Tax free stock distribution of 5% proposed.



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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A new monetary framework

ry's inauguration of the new set of targets (to cover the 12 months to next October) was anything but a routine occasion. The fact that the growth rate for sterling M3, the standard measure of money supply, at 8.12 per cent must raise doubts about the Government's commitment to disinflation. The fact that the authorities had to raise MLR as high as 15 per cent to be compatible with even a rate of permitted monetary expansion again emphasizes that the private sector is having to suffer the backlash of excessive public sector borrowing.

It, of course, is argued that the monetary targets follow a period of low monetary growth—an annual increase of little more than 7 per cent in six months of the present financial year, it is true, does have the virtue of the new period from a relatively low starting point, producing negative inflation. But it is as well to remember that, first, some sharp correction to growth was badly needed after the growth of last winter. Second, the statistics during the summer have been distorted by the banking and have almost certainly underplayed the underlying trend in monetary growth.

Third, the Chancellor has set a monetary target for the coming months that is not a target in terms of future inflation. It may, on the other hand, have done enough with interest counter some of these worries, albeit that it is apparent that private sector demand is to be made the sacrifice. Certainly, all the noises being made today were that it was the buoyant private sector loan demand that was the worry rather than anything that may be thrown up on the 1979-PSBR in Treasury forecasts. (Why, indeed, these forecasts could not have been reliable yesterday remains something to ponder, albeit that the forecasts may be wrong unless they give estimates of a variety of earnings assumptions.) Then, does all this leave us? The view is that the authorities may have weighed the stance on monetary growth over MLR. One would hope that they are right. But the monetary demands of the sector if wage demands settle in figures and the dollar turns round at some point are not going to be played.

tax which requires companies to take to reserve all tax liabilities which are not payable in the foreseeable future. The effect on asset values, if all deferred tax were to be transferred, could be to add 10 per cent or more to average net worth. This does not, of course, change the proportion of borrowing to capital employed, but the key gearing measure to many is the ratio between net debt and equity and in these terms the impact will clearly be significant.

Staveley Against the tide

Profits progress over the past four years would seem to belie the fact that Staveley still operates in engineering markets where conditions range from bad to awful.

Behind a 13 per cent growth of 13 per cent to a profit of £5.4m is a strong management team squeezing earnings out of virtually static volume.

Meanwhile, a divisional break-down of current market conditions provides only the faintest grounds for optimism in the engineering sector. Staveley says that the recession has yet to bottom in foundries and abrasives, while machine tool operations remain in limbo.

There can be little doubt that rationalization in the past few years creates a base from which Staveley can achieve substantial recovery, but for the moment everything rests on the management's ability to swim against the tide. Here it is worth noting that the group's adventurous move into advanced micro-electronic technology through the \$5m takeover of the Californian, ElectroScale Corporation, is justifying itself.

Helped by a first-time contribution from ElectroScale, full-year profits could rise by a quarter to £12.5m which would put the shares down 3p to 275p on a p/e ratio of 4.3 rising to around 6 fully-taxed.

Staveley's only tactical error in recent years seems to have been in adopting EDI9 last year with the result that any gain at the attributable level will be insufficient to justify a dividend increase in excess of 10 per cent, although dividend cover peaked close to 6 times last year. So unless Staveley can find a loophole a prospective yield of 5 per cent may limit potential gains.

Kitchen Queen Growth in a static market

Kitchen Queen brings 27 per cent of its equity to the market in the wake of a number of heavily oversubscribed new issues. The stock market may have weakened since the summer, but there is little doubt that an appetite for new issues remains.

It is a mixture of manufacturer and retailer; 9 per cent of its manufacturing output goes into its own retail outlets, principally three large stores, while the rest goes to customers like Home Charm, Dodge City and Woolworth. Until August the profit split was £391,000 from retailing and £1.1m from manufacturing.

The forecast for this year is for a total profit of £1.8m with the two divisions producing £550,000 and £1.25m respectively. That the bait is a fully-taxed p/e ratio of 8.4 or 4.6 at the offer price of 29p on an actual cash charge while the prospective yield is 8.5 per cent with 3.8 times dividend cover again on the actual cash charge.

During a sharp demand dip last year, KQ profits fell from £1.14m to £963,000 while sales jumped 40 per cent. In the year just completed sales increased by under 2 per cent while stocks rose by 75 per cent to £4.8m. The outcome is gearing of around 48 per cent, though this is expected to more than halve in the current year.

The company is evidently going through a strong physical expansion phase and there can be little doubt that its performance in recent years helped by relatively low labour costs has been one of the toughest competitive elements which have caused Norcross so much trouble at Hygena. Its progress has been based on hard marketing and an emphasis on do-it-yourself kitchen units which, it is claimed, are defying the demand problems for rigid units which prompted Hygena to cut back capacity by 50 per cent. But the fact remains that it is operating in a broadly static market and, though the rating is about right, it carries with it a risk element in the longer term after new issue enthusiasm has gone.

N Sea oil: how fast a pace for exploration?

A genuine attempt has been made by the United Kingdom Offshore Operators' Association in its paper for the Energy Commission meeting in December to raise the level of debate on how to develop North Sea oil.

It is an impressive piece of research which deserves a detailed response from government. Of course, the association uses its information to put the oil companies' points in their best light. But it is more than propaganda and does not fall into the trap of overstating its case.

The case is that for the United Kingdom to continue to be self-sufficient in oil in the 1990s between 60 and 85 exploratory wells need to be drilled every year for the next decade. To make this target achievable the Government will need to make more acreage available including the licensing of blocks in deep waters.

Greater encouragement will have to be given through tax incentives to develop smaller fields and government will need to give assurances that it will follow stable policies on development and depletion.

To the Government's great embarrassment the level of exploration this year has fallen sharply. Perhaps only 40 wells

Nicholas Hirst

will be drilled, against 67 last year and 58 in the more comparable 1976. The Government has accepted that this rate is too low and is examining with the association the question why it has happened.

The reasons are legion: lack of sufficient good prospects offered in the last licensing round; rising costs; a fall in the real price of oil; lack of finance; and the lack of experience in many companies now deeply involved in developing earlier finds.

What is certain is that government policies—tougher licences, higher royalties and larger taxes—cannot be added as the sole reason for the decline in drilling. It must be recognized, however, that they are a factor. A renewed threat of nationalization at the Labour Party Conference has increased uncertainty.

But that is not to say that the operators' association is necessarily right in believing that exploration drilling needs to be as high as it suggests, to meet self-sufficiency in the 1990s. Controls could be introduced to limit the decline in consent during 1980, which would conserve oil for use later.

This would be unlikely to benefit the economy, but it would preserve resources ready for the time when oil might not be available elsewhere at any price.

It is also possible that the level of recovery from fields might improve and, if smaller fields are made commercial, these are already made which could be developed.

The oil companies believe that the eventual amount of oil discovered is dependent on the rate of exploration. Once teams have left a region, the argument goes, they tend not to come back. Unless the pace is kept up, interest will fall, the infrastructure will decline and the nation ultimately will receive less oil than it otherwise would.

This argument suits the companies' case. They wish to avoid depletion controls to maximize cash flow, but the faster oil that is used, the more needs to be found.

If that oil needs to be found in more difficult fields and at greater depths, the more incentives the oil companies will need to search for it.

Theoretically, there is no reason why a low, but steady, rate of drilling should not find as much oil as rapid exploration. The most important factor here is an oil company takes into consideration is its rate of return.

The chief test of how the operators' association's members now see the attractions of the North Sea will come on November 20 when applications for the 46 blocks on offer in the sixth round of licensing are due in.

In search of a stable international order

Obviously, the characteristics of our competitive advantages vis-à-vis each other are not immense. At the same time, we are each heavily interdependent with the Third World.

In theory, a process of integration within the industrial world could probably go a long way without incurring damage to our economic welfare. But it is hard to visualize that process without it also leading to intense national competition for the markets and materials of developing countries.

In considering the sources of the present monetary disturbances I recognize that the point has been made that the very large proportion of dollars in official and non-official balances held for international purposes is partly a vestige of the old system, and that the dollar could potentially become an independent influence on the stability of current arrangements.

However, the forces that motivate decisions to diversify by a foreign dollar holder are, in the long run, no different than those bearing on the decisions of those holding the vastly larger stock of dollars in the United States; and, experience suggests that, as the dollar strengthens, concern about diversification dwindles.

For those reasons, emphasis on the "dollar overhang" as a special problem has often seemed to me misplaced, for it could easily divert attention from the need for more fundamental measures to maintain confidence in the dollar generally.

The vigorous domestic and international measures in support of the dollar can relieve pressures from the direction of diversification, as others. But of the problem is indeed more structural, it does not seem to me one for United States concern or action alone; if so, the preferred option for the United States would be in all likelihood to buy up the excess dollar balance any excess dollars through a current surplus.

There is something unedifying, moreover, about some central banks taking full advantage of the flexibility afforded by present arrangements to place their funds where and when they choose, while complaining at the same time about instability in the system.

In a floating system some of the particular concerns in a convertibility system about controlling the volume and composition of international re-



Mr Paul Volcker.

serves appear in a different light and may reasonably have lower priority. But that should not mean that, with the collective instruments at hand, progress could not be made under international auspices toward achieving an appropriate balance between the supply of dollars and its desired use in official reserves.

But if the system is to be managed, who will do it and how? The obvious institutional focus is the IMF, and it plainly has a full plate of work ahead.

I have long felt that if that work was to proceed with full effectiveness, the effort of the international bureaucracy needs to be reinforced by more active regular participation by politically responsible officials of member governments. That is, of course, the rationale of the council authorized by the new articles.

To a degree, the function has been performed on an interim basis by the Advisory Council. But it would seem to me useful more than symbolically, for that body to assume now full legitimacy by transforming itself formally into the Council and renewing the sense of commitment to develop its surveillance function.

As a practical matter, that body will be too cumbersome and too far removed to deal adequately with some of the continuing issues of exchange rate and economic policy management that arise among

the leading industrial countries, nor could it really hope to have the kind of political authority in those countries necessary to make the process work most effectively. That gap can be filled, it seems to me, only by more or less continuous consultation among the "trilateral" countries—Japan, Europe and the United States—and the consultation must extend to the highest level. The recent practice of "economic summery" points that way.

The value over time will not, I suspect, lie primarily in particular decisions reached at particular times. Instead, the most important result can be in the less public process of exposure to each other's problems and viewpoints, working against the natural bias to focus primarily on the internal consequences of economic policy.

As mutual understanding is enhanced at the top, the response to particular problems as they arise from time to time can be facilitated and speeded at lower levels.

This may seem a modest programme. But if there was real commitment to the approach then I feel confident that, in the end, the floating system will come much closer to the ideal of reconciling of our domestic and international objectives.

Today, a stronger and stable dollar is plainly in the interest of the United States and of the world. These recent months have, if nothing else, been instructive to all—a sliding dollar underlining our own and inflationary effort, generating uncertainty at home and abroad, hurrying growth. There has been a sense of drift, of a lack of control or direction in the monetary system infecting and reinforcing sources of economic instability.

Now, we can see the beginnings of a new base. It cannot rest on the actions of the United States alone—for we are no longer the dominant power of Bretton Woods. But our strength can be joined with others to provide fresh impetus and a renewed sense of commitment to a stable international order.

Paul Volcker

This is an edited version of the first Fred Hirst Memorial Lecture delivered last night at the University of Warwick. The author is President of the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

Technology

Copying the Japanese

Once again Japan's success in harnessing technology to achieve success in world markets is being contrasted with Britain's generally mediocre record in following through its good basic research into development and commercial exploitation.

According to the Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology, in their report this week on Japanese science-based industry, the best thing we can do now is to buy Japanese technology, if Japan has offered it profitably bought other people's technology in the past.

The committee waded through a mass of evidence from industry and government departments in Britain, and visited industry and government agencies in Japan, in an attempt to separate the facts from myths about the Japanese success.

There has, of course, been no "miracle" or instant transformation in Japan. Their success is the near-inevitable result of a combination of national priorities, assumptions, customs and goals.

The select committee argue that the success of Japanese science-based companies is based on four main factors. First, there has been a national consensus that exploitation of science and technology is the route to Japan's economic revival. Secondly, there has been a concentration on specific areas and products, which have been vigorously promoted both at home and abroad.

Thirdly, the Japanese have developed highly efficient production processes and have drawn freely on imported technology and, finally, there has been a consistently high rate of growth in the Japanese economy which has helped it to avoid many of the difficulties which have beset developing countries and modernisation in many western countries.

Some of the lessons have already been learnt. As the committee point out, some of the recommendations for the British microelectronics industry made recently by the electronics sector working party of the National Economic Development Office—and since partly implemented by the Government—reflect the way in which Japan has developed a number of the country's successful industries.

These recommendations include the need for Britain to win a larger share of the world market; the need for government support schemes to take account of the necessity for long-term planning within companies; special schemes for the recruitment and training of qualified staff; and a programme to inform the rest of industry of the potential uses of microelectronics.

But the committee home in on the number and quality of technically qualified people in manufacturing industry as being perhaps the key factor. Companies in Japan, British industry employs only a modest number of qualified scientists and engineers.

Fewer graduates enter manufacturing industry, very few British business executives are graduates. In Japan, many top managers have technical qualifications.

Thus, if Britain's technical performance is to improve, the committee say, the supply of technically trained people to work in industry must be improved and technical careers must be made more attractive to bring in entrants of the highest calibre.

Some British companies perform as well as, or better than, their Japanese competitors. But in three basic areas careers must be made more attractive to bring in entrants of the highest calibre.

One of the reasons for the Japanese decision to invest in the most advanced technology is that they have aimed to take a significant share of the world market; thus they have installed machinery suitable to the long production runs expected.

Many Japanese companies attach great importance to using the most modern and efficient production methods; if British companies are to compete, they too need to do the same.

Thorough marketing and market research are Japanese characteristics and the extent to which research and development efforts are market-oriented particularly impressed the committee.

In their analysis of statistics for the two countries the committee point to the dramatic fall in the number of research and development employees in British manufacturing industry between 1967 and 1975. During the same period the Japanese figures for different grades of staff appeared to show that

numbers had increased and the overall calibre of staff had improved.

One of the many factors which the committee identify as having contributed to the success of Japanese technology-based industry is the close links between industry and commerce, the Civil Service and the Government. A small number of large groups of companies have a dominant role in industry and commerce in Japan and this facilitates these links.

There is thus close contact among all the parties necessary to ensure the successful formulation and execution of economic strategy. In this the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) has a central role.

The Japanese education system appears to be geared in large measure to providing an education based on the requirements of industry. First-class students are also attracted to applied science because of the status accorded by society to scientists and engineers and by the superior prospects in industry for graduates.

But a number of interesting changes in attitude to science and technology in Japan have been identified by Professor Oshima of Tokyo University. Policy would now have to respond to, among other things, concern about the worsening effect of technology on society and the environment and changes brought about by new constraints in the fields of, for instance, energy and relations with developing countries.

Kenneth Owen

Business Diary: Sir Jack's home-coming • Peace offering

Colston, the outgoing president of Tesco, making a sentimental visit to London, to open a new supermarket on the site where he borrowed in his early career after "World War".

Emerald Crystal, a small cut glass manufacturer in Coalbrookdale, co Tyrone, recruited extra labour on the strength of the loan and now instead of engraving other companies' blanks it is producing 500 pieces of fine cut glass every day and planning its first export shipments.

The Government's Local Enterprise Development Unit changed its mind about aid after the Peace People's loan and came up with a package of grants and loans totalling £60,000.

Sean Quinn, Emerald's managing director, said: "There is no doubt that the Peace People's money was absolutely vital. It unleashed a source of far greater investment funds."



Hollywood

"The admission of Greece, Spain and Portugal will mean three more food mountains—currants, onions and sardines."

Michael Colston, who is the association's chairman as well as chairman and managing director of the Colston Group, says that Ken Hendley, the present director, will remain at the centre of things as executive director and secretary of the expanded association. "With the co-operation of everybody, we decided to look at our strengths and weaknesses," Colston said. We de-

colston says that they will explore the possibility of getting together with the Electricity Council to promote electricity, which he thinks is too much the poor relation compared with gas.

There is piquancy in the fact the Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, celebrated his office's fifth birthday by exacting written promises of future good conduct from Trident Discount Centres. Trident is a leading cut-price chain with 100 stores selling household appliances around the country. Only days before Borrie's announcement Angus Gosman, director and general manager of the company appeared on the Thames Television programme TV Eye complaining that manufacturers were breaking the law by forcing discount companies like him to raise their prices.

The programme rather embarrassed the Office of Fair Trading which has been faced with similar complaints of illegal price maintenance from other discount dealers in the camera trade for the past two years without being able to take any effective steps. Nevertheless, the office promised to investigate the new allegations "as a matter of urgency".

Most of the domestic appliance and hi-fi equipment manufacturers named in the television programme claimed that they took steps against discount dealers—such as withholding credit or even threatening to cut off supplies—not because they were anxious to force up prices, but because they were dissatisfied with the cut-price merchants' standards of service.

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	1978	1977
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Earnings per Ordinary Share	23.04p	23.30p

* The Directors have recommended a final dividend on the Ordinary Share capital of 2.1034p per Share (1977-1.8834p per Share), to Shareholders on the Register on 24 November, 1978 with an option to take Ordinary Shares in lieu.

* During the year both Caplin Engineering and B.S.A. Guns suffered from depressed trading conditions giving rise to an adverse swing in profits amounting to some £760,000, which was made good by the remaining group companies.

* The prospects for next year are satisfactory, subject to an early and satisfactory resolution of the difficulties facing the British motor vehicle industry.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GREATER LONDON COUNCIL Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held at the Guildhall, London, on Friday, 10 November 1978.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Ontario strike affects Inco's copper and metal supplies

By Michael Priest Price realizations by Inco, the Canadian nickel producer and the industry's leader, averaged \$2,006 a pound in the first nine months of this year.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange expansion

Setting-up in London

A major expansion and diversification is planned by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and its international money market division.

Penn Central reports for 8 months

Penn Central Corporation, making its first financial report since it reorganized recently, said its earnings from continuing operations for the first eight months of 1978 totalled \$43.6m or \$1.68 a share.

Net assets of the giant Dutch investment trust Rolinco—sister company to Robeco—rose from 2,442m fl to 2,538m fl (about \$634.5m) in the year to end-August.

Dart Malloy Dart Industries Inc said in Los Angeles that, subject to certain conditions, Dart Holdings Inc is now offering to purchase all of the outstanding shares of common stock of P. R. Malloy & Co Inc at \$46 a share.

French petroleum group Cie Francaise des Petroles reports net consolidated earnings for the first half of 1978 of 309m francs, down from 318m. The group's share of the 1978 figure was 260m francs, against 230m a year earlier.

Wm Leech fulfils expectations

Newcastle-based William Leech (Builders) which came to the stock market two years ago, fulfilled expectations by producing a 46 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £.65m in the half-year to July 31, 1978.

Redundancy costs at Futura

Sales of Futura Holdings, a Chester-based shoe group, eased from £1.87m to £1.5m, but the group managed to reduce its pre-tax losses from £22,000 to £20,000 for the six months to July 8.

Slide of 7pc at Higsom Brewery

Trading profits of Liverpool-based Higsom Brewery went up from £1.56m to £1.75m in the year to September 29, but after deducting £169,000 of additional depreciations due to a revaluation, pre-tax profits are down from £1.3m to £1.58m.

Interim Statement

At a meeting of the Court of Directors held on 7th November, the unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September, 1978 were considered.

Table with 4 columns: Six months ended, 30 Sept. 78, 30 Sept. 77, 31 Mar. 78. Rows include Operating Profit, Profit before Taxation, Profit after Taxation, Retained Profit, Earnings per £1 of Capital Stock.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the six months ended 30th September, 1978 (unaudited).

Table with 4 columns: Six months ended, 30 Sept. 78, 30 Sept. 77, 31 Mar. 78. Rows include Stockholders' Funds, Liquid Assets, Advances to Customers, Other Assets.

Consolidated Statement of Condition as at 30th September, 1978 (unaudited).

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Markets

Retreat: after MLR statement

Once again commuted by as early as 8.30 am... again they sat down... their telephones wait... something to turn up... are thankful to clinch... deal by 11 am. Early... never more than wis... Government striking... the TUC over pay... forgotten, and yet... induce anything that... called a technical... ally was soon ragged... edges on considera... report of the United... Offshore Operators... and its pessimism... the Sea Oil... of course killed out... the Authorities' deci... the Minimum Lending... per cent to as much as... cent and the tone at... on the equity pitches... despondent... dged securities were... head of the MLR jump... gains of half a point... faced by losses rang... £1 at the finish. The... expectation had been... ALR of 11 1/2 per cent... most 12 per cent...

supplement steps already taken to support the dollar. At all events Wall Street was looking a bit better. The general verdict on the Chancellor's speech was that it was disappointing. The reiteration of the 5 per cent pay limit was thought puzzling if not pointless, the discussion of the proposed European Monetary System negative and general, and the new money supply limit of 8 per cent to 12 per cent lax. The day started with the FT index 24 up but it had lost virtually all this one hour later. The retreat went on through early afternoon so that at the close the index was 27 down at 471.7 where it still precariously above the 470 level some chartists consider significant. Each gain in leading equities vanished. ICI, Glaxo, GBC and Unilever remained unchanged at 362p, 535p, 309p and 528p respectively. Elsewhere John Brown slid 4p to 412p, Courtaulds 2p to 112p while Bechams and Fisons both eased 2p to 633p and 315p respectively. Attention was focused on the affairs of Tarmac which plans to sell its loss making Nigerian subsidiary. The news was at first greeted with a rise of 7p but this was later curbed. The gain on the day was 5p-140p. A profits upsurge at Bellway accompanied by plans to split its interests into two separate holding companies lifted the shares initially by 5p. But at the close they were 1p down at 71p. The market was not so impressed with Staveley's performance. The shares fell 3p to 275p. Porter Chadburn was in the same boat, but in the event held firm at 98p. An initial rise of 3p in Common Brothers, after interim figures were revealed after further consideration, and the shares settled at 159p unchanged. Other companies reporting included Manganese Bronze and Kligsons Brewery which both retreated 3p to 64p, and 74p. In spite of an auditors qualification in the accounts of Woodhall Trust in relation to debt in Nigeria, the shares improved 1p to 91p. Increased activity in J Sainsbury following the sparkling interim figures on Wednesday nudged the shares up a further 3p to 225p. At the same time, Wednesday's figures from Clmbb, unchanged at 134p, aroused interest in Automated Securities which rose 7p to 90p. Favourable comment pushed up Mersey Docks by 2p to 38p while eagerly awaited merger news nudged John Haggas up another 2p to 175p. A slight setback was observed in distilleries following the gains made yesterday on reports of increased whisky sales. Losses of 1p were made in Distillers at 190p, Invergordon, 141p and Tomatin Distillers 121p. Only Arthur Bell remained firm at 234p. In breweries South African Breweries shed 4p to 62p after overnight figures. Allied Breweries slipped 1p while A. Guinness and Bass Charring both dropped 1p to 148p and 157p. Years of dearer money and tighter credit sent a shiver running through the property, banks and financial sectors generally. Losses of up to 3p were recorded in property, with the exception to the rule being Alnart London Properties which firmed 2p to 218p on interim results.

Dealers were unimpressed with the Hogg Robinson's £2.5m acquisition of a 30 per cent stake in the United States insurance broker Market Services. In the event, the shares fell back in line with the rest of the insurance sector. Northern Engineering Industries shed a 1p to 126p. But for the market, the shares would probably have gone better on reports that it could get surplus generator work for the two nuclear power stations to be ordered in 1980. Meanwhile, the hopes are for profits to rise from £25m to around £32m this year when the group is free from dividend restraint. Oils generally went the same way as the rest of the market. 2p but then rallied the same amount to 87p. Sobho, the United States offshore oil company, only came into the second half of last year. Beecham, Priest & Sons (Holdings), a fastening and pressings group, has ended the six months to September 29 with a pre-tax profit of £38,000 against £50,000. Turnover went up from £6m to £7m. No like-for-like basis of comparison is possible, but if the turnover and profit of Crossland for the six months to June 30, 1977 is added to Priest's interim figures, the latest result shows an advance of 15.8 per cent on turnover, and 16.5 per cent on profit. Last year Priest made a profit of £1.3m. The interim dividend is raised from 151p gross to 22p. The agreed offer by Priest for Warne Wright & Rowland, an engineer and fastenings maker, gives a forecast by Warne for the current year. Warne says that profits for 1978 should be of the order of £1.3m against £1.4m. A proviso is that industrial disputes at some major customers will be avoided this month. The bid puts a value of £7.5m on Warne. The terms are three new Priest shares plus 30p cash for every four Warne shares. Assurances have been given to employees of Warne.

Bellway aims to separate its two main activities

Bellway Holdings is considering a scheme to separate its property investment and development interests from its housebuilding activities. John Laing, which floated two "mirror" companies at the end of last month, may have upstaged Bellway but the Newcastle group first tried to settle difficulties with Section 460 of the 1970 Income Tax Act, inherent in such a scheme, some four years ago. Details should be before shareholders at the annual meeting on January 19 and, in addition to the unfettered rate of future dividends, they may be in a position to contemplate a substantial improvement in capital values. The shares dropped 1p yesterday to 70p but, in their new form, the two listings may have an aggregate value of around 110p per share. Taking the rule of thumb guidelines established by Laing, the housebuilding side would be rate on an historic p/e of, say, seven which implies a price of about 49p. Property interests should be priced at, perhaps, a 25-30



Mr. Kenneth Bell, managing director of Bellway Holdings.

to the elimination of losses worth £1.7m in France during the previous period, margins in the housebuilding divisions are set to make further progress and the board is expecting a marked first time contribution from the recently started property dealing activities. Invariably sold forward to institutional investors, dealing properties turned in just £177,000 pre-tax last time. The investment property portfolio, whose rental income rose from £1m to £1.19m, is unlikely to be expanded significantly this year. Net rents are expected to improve to at least £1.5m this year to reflect the recent letting to Northern Engineering Industries. The current valuation of about 65p per share reflects a 6 1/2 per cent prime yield basis where the Regent Centre was achieving a rent of £2.50 per sq ft. Rents here have since risen to £4 per sq ft. Some 1,550 houses were completed last time, well over targeted, and margins have been modestly better. Mortgage rates may now restrain volume growth but profitability per unit is expected to improve once again.

Latest results

Table with columns: Company, Sales, Profits, Earnings, Div, Dividend, Pay date, Year's total. Lists companies like Alnart Ltd, Ash Spinning, etc.

Common Br profit after sale

Common Brothers shipping group, but the sale of two ships transformed this into a pre-tax profit of £2.07m for the year to June 30, against a loss of £568,000. The ship sale, which brought in £2.5m against £106,000, have also reduced group borrowings. Earnings a share are 45.3p against a loss of 9.99p. A final dividend of 6.7p a share gross has been recommended making a total of 9.7p against 8.78p. In the event, the deal did not go through and Swan Hunter remains the biggest shareholder with an 18 per cent stake. The shares, unchanged yesterday at 158p, yield 6.1 per cent and sell at 3.48 times earnings.

Ford strike and BL delays hits Manganese Bronze

Manganese Bronze has made a poor start to the current year as the effects of the Ford strike and the severe restrictions of deliveries to British Leyland take their toll. The group has included large extracts from the forthcoming accounts with the results for the year to end-July last and these show that components and assemblies for the motor vehicle industry and rail services contributed £1.83m to the total trading profit of £3.23m. The shares responded with a 3p fall to 84p. The dividend is hoisted to the maximum permitted level of 3.1394p gross per share and, once again, a share alternative will be offered since it is still considered "prudent" to conserve cash resources in order to meet the loan repayment programme. The alternative is likely to have less impact than last year, however, when holders of 79.33 per cent of the equity elected to take up new shares. The first £250,000 tranche of the £4m Finance for Industry loan was repaid from the better liquidity position "without difficulty" but the group, nonetheless, appears to be chafing at the "significant burden" on Manganese Bronze's ability to invest for expansion in the current year. Some re-structuring is now understood to be under consideration and, possibly, some reduction of the coupon which is currently fixed at 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent over LIBOR. While the vehicle components side must resign itself to a rocky first half of the current year, at the very least, prospects elsewhere look moderately encouraging. The Caplin silicon chips business, dull last year, is on the upswing of the technical "leapfrogging" which has

Crossland helps Benj Priest to near £1m

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Wood Hall qualified on two counts

Wood Hall Trust's accounts have been qualified by two auditors on two counts with one qualification appearing for the third year in succession. The latest qualification by Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, is over trading deficits of £2.62m over by the group's Nigerian, former associate company, Stronghold. At the end of June the 40 per cent owned company was taken over by its 60 per cent Nigerian majority shareholder who removed Wood Hall Trust directors and management. Since then the group has ceased to exert any significant influence over the policies or management of Stronghold, said Mr Michael Richards, the chairman, in the annual report published with the group's results for the year ending June 30, 1978. Wood Hall Trust said that it was having amicable discussions over the debts with the Nigerian shareholder who has promised to repay them in total. But it was uncertain when it would be repaid because of Nigeria's economic and foreign currency difficulties. The other qualification which appears for the third time concerns the Australian gas pipeline contract worth £8.2m, completed in 1976, over which the group is engaged in litigation with the Australian government. The world trading recession, which Mr Richards warned in May would hit the group's profits back to £4.75m for the year, duly took effect. Pre-tax profits fell by 23 per cent to £4.8m and turnover dropped 13 per cent to £401m. Mr Richards had originally hoped that profits would be about £6.3m, the same as the previous year. In the Stock Market the price rose 1p to 91p on the results. A 10 per cent increase has been proposed for the final dividend of 9p gross compared with 7.3p last year. The group does not pay an interim dividend. Mr Richards said he was not optimistic about the outlook

Hogg Robinson buys stake in Market Success

Allen, the insurance company, to pay £2.5m (£1.3m) for a 30 per cent stake in Market Success Incorporated, a tied brokerage business in Richmond, Virginia, which operates 45 offices, is a wholesale group, specialising in fire and other commodity and casualty pre-tax profits this year at \$1.2m (over £1.2m). The acquisition has been seen as a move to broaden the group's presence in the market for over two years. Chairman Mr Hogg suggested last year that any direct interest might be achieved through a share swap rather than a cash purchase. Yesterday, Mr Abbott said: "We have worked closely with Market for a number of years and we see in this association an opportunity to participate in the growing insurance market in North America. In its last full year to the end of March Hogg boosted profits more than a fifth to £9.5m. Unlike other big British broking groups, Hogg has historically maintained a relatively low presence in the US market. Last year more than two fifths of its broking income emanated from the UK.

Goodall back to profit

Goodall has been back to a profit of £5,000. The restructuring programme is continuing at this company and leisure equipment group, and the latest step is a loan stock rights issue to raise £365,000. This will reduce bank borrowings and strengthen the group's capital base.

Marler Estates' disposals

Bowing out as chairman of Marler Estates, Mr Leslie Marler told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the property group is to sell a residential development site and a short lease for an aggregate price of £354,000. The consideration, he said, will be redeployed as to £230,000 freehold interest in a development in Covent Garden, a further £70,000 will be spent on an extension to the development in Wembley with the balance being used to cut bank overdrafts and loans. Realizations comprise just 9.1

Flight Refuelling up 42pc

Flight Refuelling (Holdings), the aircraft and electronic equipment manufacturer, increased profits by 42 per cent in the six months to June 30, 1978. Turnover rose from £4.98m to £5.7m during the first half and the group said that second-half results should equal, or be slightly better, than those for the first half of the year. Last year the group made pre-tax profits of £1.4m on turnover of £10.7m. Mr Michael Cobham said at the annual meeting in June that the group had received a substantial overseas order for fuel element control and handling equipment. Alan Cobham Engineering which expanded its product ranges was also expected to grow. As a result of the increased profits, the group has raised the interim dividend from 1.66p gross to 2p. Direct exports now account for more than half output of the main subsidiary, Flight Refuelling which makes aircraft fluid systems components.

St Piran board change fails to please

Further pressure for board changes is likely to be brought to bear on St Piran, the mining and property company, by shareholders and the firm's brokers, Joseph Sebago, after the appointment to the board of Mr William Douglas Allen, described as a self-employed management consultant. City reaction is that the appointment does not go far enough to restore confidence in the St Piran management. Mr Allen is unknown in the City, and St Piran's reaction to earlier pressure from shareholders, led by Mr Robert Morrison, chairman of Planned Savings Life Assurance, is considered obtuse. The pressure group claims to control up to 35 per cent of the equity. Sebago is unlikely to resign as stockbrokers, however, before further discussions have been held with St Piran. The shares gained 3p to 64p yesterday. Despite the optimism in which the company is currently held, considerable "hot money" has been attracted to the shares.

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MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

The pound staged a good recovery on foreign exchanges yesterday following news that the Minimum Lending Rate was to be raised from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent.

Spot Position of Sterling

Market rates (per 100) Sterling/US dollar 1.7850-1.7860, Sterling/DM 2.25-2.26, Sterling/FF 165-166.

Forward Levels

New York 1 month 1.7850-1.7860, 3 months 1.7850-1.7860, 6 months 1.7850-1.7860.

Euro-S Deposits

1 month 1.7850-1.7860, 3 months 1.7850-1.7860, 6 months 1.7850-1.7860.

Gold

Gold price: 320.125, down \$9.00. Market rates: 1000/ounce 320.125.

Wall Street

New York, Nov. 8.—A late rally offset earlier weakness and stocks moved higher in moderate trading.

Silver up 3.5 cents

New York, Nov. 8.—SILVER futures closed 3.5 cents higher on new speculation.

Commodities

Wheat: 100 bushels 1.12-1.13, Corn: 100 bushels 1.00-1.01, Soybeans: 100 bushels 1.10-1.11.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Allied Chem, Amstar Inc, and Amgen.

Table of commodity prices including Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, and Sugar.

Table of currency exchange rates for various international locations.

Table of interest rates for various financial instruments.

Table of gold prices and market data.

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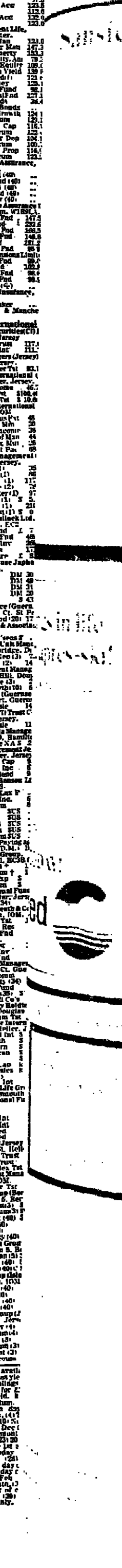
Large table listing various financial products, insurance policies, and offshore funds with their respective details.

Bank Base Rates advertisement listing rates for various banks like ABN Bank, Barclays Bank, etc.

Table of bank base rates for various banks and currencies.

COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PETROLES advertisement with consolidated interim results for 1978.

Discount market, Money Market Rates, and Eurobond prices (midday indicators) sections.



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Winter Sports

Putting the apres-lunch before the apres-ski

... writing recently ... on evening news ... that he was ... to be a very good ... struck me as not ... extremely arrogant ... considered, one ... by whom?—but also ... gorous one. ... is that skiing ability ... impossible to quan- ... there are champion ... they concern only a ... ky. Moreover, one is ... wonder how the ... ialist would fare in ... of those locals ... he morning after a ... create their lovely ... patterns through ... powder of an un- ... would the sum- ... "horodoger" with ... and somersaults ... against the eldest ... family with whom I ... d in Austria? Each ... loaded with racks ... he would shoot off ... ugh the woods to ... milk and groceries ... ous as a fox or a ... rest fallen branches ... ous sticky snow ... downhill skiing is ... of the picture. Some ... I flew to the far ... Finland, well inside

the Arctic Circle, to inspect a new holiday resort. My guide and companion, who, like most Scandinavians, had been brought up on long narrow cross-country skis with loose bindings, was amused in fact himself by my stiff heavy boots clamped tight to the boards, and mildly irritated to discover that I was more adept than he was. Yet I have no doubt that on a "hike" across the lowlands, he would have left me flourishing.

Many of us given a fine clear morning, a flattened but well-covered piste and the absence of a hangover, can imagine ourselves to be fairly competent skiers. But lacking any one of those factors, let alone all three, it is likely to be a very different story.

That became painfully clear one afternoon last winter when, after an unwisely chosen trail, we were sent way down a run which every one else had prudently eschewed. After a sequence of barren Alpine winters, the heavens had opened for several weeks past so that only the tops of the pines would have been visible, had it been possible to see more than two and a half feet in the prevailing snowstorm.

There had been avalanche warnings for several days, most of the runs were closed, and I doubt if we should have been on that one, had it not been impossible to locate or read the signposts. Eventually I felt a dozen weary, sudden and chastened skiers made their way into the safety of the village, convinced that they still had much to learn.

We were staying as guests of Inghams at Flaine, in the Savoie region of France. It was my first visit to one of the new, "third generation" purpose-built resorts, and I was curious to see how it compared with the traditional centres.

A purpose-built resort, it should be explained, is one where there was no previous habitation. In Austria and Switzerland, skiing has largely been developed around existing villages, which retain a more "human" atmosphere. In France and Italy the tendency has been to find suitable slopes in remote mountain regions, build and bulldoze roads up formidable cliffs, and bring concrete civilization to pastures which had hitherto been the home of a few summer-grazing sheep.

Flaine, we are told, was "discovered" by a certain Eric Boissons who, on a summer geological expedition or some such, encountered the remote valley and said to himself: "Mon Dieu, that would make a fine skiing resort" or words to that effect. The procedure for land claims in the Haute Savoie, which appears to resemble those for mining stakes in nineteenth-century Alaska, is difficult to elicit; and four companies, for their part, are not to refer to their patrons only in terms of awe.

At any rate, there Flaine is, complete with concrete towers and an indispensable lift to take you from the sort of place where you might hire your skis to the sort of place where you might have a pint or two of warm English bitter. It has a splendid range of runs, most of which were, alas, ferme, because of the impossible conditions.

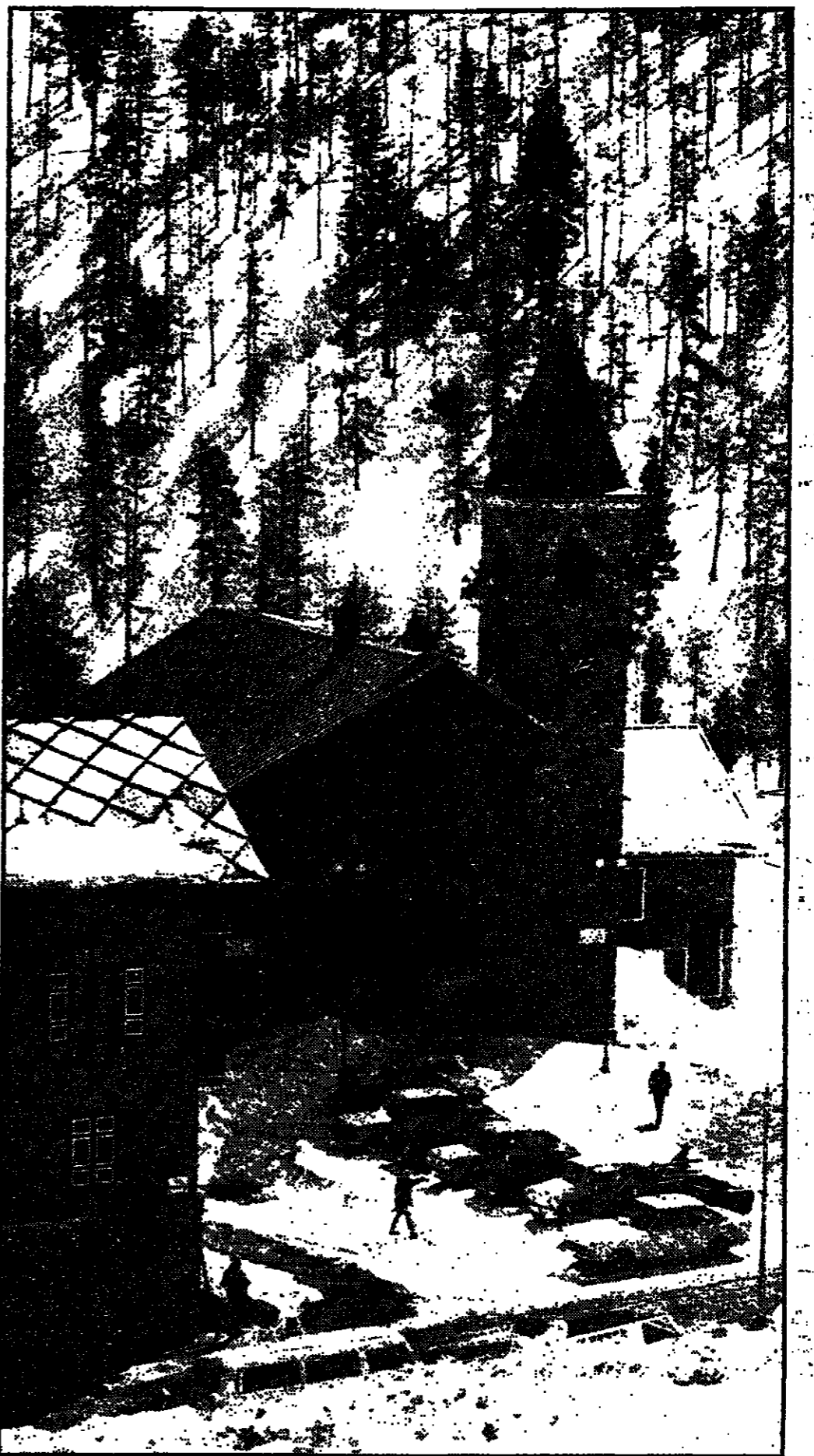
Courchevel, where we spent the second part of our visit, is a "second generation" resort, developed in the postwar period and now fashionable—which is to say expensive. It is not so much a village as a series of buildings, strung in groups at intervals up a moun-

tainside, and I am probably not alone in feeling that "antique" and expensive souvenir shops are, at 6,000fr, a superfluous intrusion.

I had visited Courchevel once before, on a lone weekend after reporting a championship event in Val d'Isere, and found the skiing disappointing. That I did so again may have been due to the fact that, although the weather had improved, many of the runs were closed because of excessive snow. At more fortunate times, it is linked with Meribel-les-Alpes, Les Menuires and Val Thorens. The descent from the top of the cable car to Meribel is, I recall after a decade or more, a cut above the average.

The great thing to be said in favour of skiing in France is that nowadays it is relatively cheap. The franc may not have fallen so low as the pound, but it has still fallen. At Geneva airports we encountered a French family who confessed that they could no longer afford to holiday in Switzerland because the rate of exchange was prohibitive. That sort of thing gives one hope.

John Young



Claviere

Sansicario the best of both skiing worlds

more people, I find, for a bit of peace on skiing holidays. Resorts are fun in and offer superb views. But they are ravaged by their streets blocked and their lift queues. I can find he is much a holiday as of rat race. On the other hand, the goes off to contem- in a tranquil d virgin snows will I the skiing is very t a few days, un- energetic enough to climbing, he will getting tired of same runs over and will begin to bigger and better

best and the worst of the new French resorts and have convenience with respect for the environment. Cars go round the back and into under- ground car parks. The residen- tial area is slightly apart from the main assembly area and visitors' car park. Even the lifts are smooth and quiet.

It is a peaceful, friendly, and rather select place, patronized, I would like to think, by the more discerning type of skier who wants relaxed enjoyment rather than the terror of the black precipice. There are black runs for those who like them, but most of the skiing is inter- mediate and will appeal espe- cially to those who want to run the countryside.

Once you climb on your skis Sansicario turns out to be far from blackwater. It is the front part of the Milky Way, a chain stretching from Sastriere through Sansicario to Claviere and across the French border to Montgenevre. The lift pass is valid for all of them, though you pay a supplement for a day for Montgenevre or Sastriere.

From Sansicario you glide up through the trees to wide open fields with pistes as care- fully maintained and graded as any you are likely to find, and where—being used, they try

harder. From the top you can drop over the back to Sastriere, or stay on the extensive home slopes, or go right down to the valley, up the other side of the mountain. The variety of runs at Sansicario for night life, but there is a discotheque in the ski lodge, and each of the hotels has a restaurant. About a mile down the road in the old stone village there is also a lovely restaurant where a former employee of the Savoie in London will provide an inter- esting meal for considerably below average prices.

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cheaper than in France or Switzerland. There is a very good cafeteria in the ski lodge, and several mountain restau- rants. For some of which, however, one has to book in advance. One does not go to Sansicario for night life, but there is a discotheque in the ski lodge, and each of the hotels has a restaurant. About a mile down the road in the old stone village there is also a lovely restaurant where a former employee of the Savoie in London will provide an inter- esting meal for considerably below average prices.

The Hotel Rio Envers Gallia is small, first class and run by

once Swiss manager of high repute. The Sansicario is larger, cheaper, somewhat bleakly lit, but comfortable and friendly. Horizon of Birmingham will take you to either hotel. Thomson Holidays are moving in this season, but only to the larger and cheaper hotel. Supertravel offer both hotels, but at higher prices. Alternatively, as we did, you can try for a self-catering flat by writing through Italy's rather change postal systems to 10054 Sansicario, Cesana Torinese, Italy.

Richard Davy

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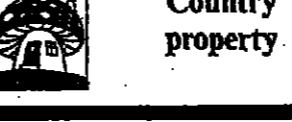
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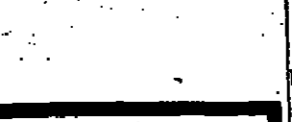
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BBC2

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